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PREFACE

THIS edition of the earliest minute book of the Men's Meeting of the Society of Friends in Bristol, running from 1667 to 1686, is undertaken under authority of a minute of Bristol and Frenchay Monthly Meeting of the Society of Friends, November 1967.

Here is, for the first time, a record society publication of a volume of minutes from a city meeting for church government in the Society of Friends. It is valuable both for the material it contains and for the opportunities which now open up for comparative work with other cognate records. It can be set beside the Bristol church book of *Broadmead Records* (ed. E. B. Underhill. Hanserd Knollys Society, 1847), and the two rural Friends' meeting books which have appeared up to now—the Upperside of Buckinghamshire Monthly Meeting, 1669-1690 (ed. B. S. Snell. Buckinghamshire Archaeological Society: Records Branch, 1937), and Gainsborough Monthly Meeting, 1669-1719 (ed. H. W. Brace. Lincoln Record Society, 3 vols. 1948-51). The contents will be found to cover ground which may be known to a wider public through *The church book of Bunyan Meeting, 1650-1821*, which was published in 1928 in facsimile from the manuscript entitled "A Booke containing a record of the acts of a congregation of Christ in and about Bedford, and a brief account of their first gathering."

As the governing meeting for business affairs of the Society of Friends in Bristol, the Men's meeting dealt with all aspects of church organisation: meetings for worship, building and upkeep of premises, finance, oversight of the spiritual and temporal welfare of members, care for the poor, authorisation of marriages, watching over the behaviour of Friends, dealing with backsliders, and representing the city Friends in dealings with meetings elsewhere. The minute book ends in 1686, when Friends re-entered their meeting houses at the close of the final persecution.

This volume includes an introduction dealing with some points in the discipline of the Society of Friends in Bristol, and with the registers and records which are to be found in the Society's archives now deposited in Bristol Archives Office, together with additional biographical notes on people mentioned in the text.

My thanks are due to the Bristol Record Society for undertaking this volume, and to its principal officers for advice and assistance in the course of publication; to the University of Leeds for grant

of study leave to prepare this edition for the press; to the librarian at Friends House, London; to the successive custodians of records of Bristol and Frenchay Monthly Meeting, who, for more than thirty years have given me every facility and encouragement to study the records under their care; and to Miss Elizabeth Ralph, Bristol City Archivist, in whose Office the records are now deposited. Without their help this work could never have been done.

Leeds, 1969

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INTRODUCTION

QUAKERS came to Bristol in 1654. By the middle of the 1660s it had become clear that the Society of Friends needed some permanent organisation. The millenium was not just round the corner. The old leaders were passing on, and some of those still alive would end their days in prison. George Fox, recently released from a lengthy imprisonment at Scarborough castle, continued his preaching journeys, and as he went round the country he encouraged Friends to set up more closely organised meetings to maintain discipline among themselves, to order their own affairs and keep records in the Society.

Before this time there seem to have been business meetings in various places, but the death of many of the Quaker leaders, the imprisonment of others, which prevented them from travelling to care for the local meetings' welfare, and his own long incarcerations all worked together to force George Fox to the conclusion that some form of congregational government to care for the welfare of each local meeting was essential. About four to six local meetings were joined for this purpose, sending representatives to a meeting of them all held monthly at some convenient fixed or movable place. Monthly meetings were joined together into quarterly meetings. At first each quarterly meeting usually covered a county, but as Quakerism did not take strong root, or died out, in some rural areas, counties were joined together to provide suitable quarterly meeting areas. Thus Devon and Cornwall is one quarterly meeting today, and Bristol and Somerset another. The latter junction was brought about in 1784, not because Quakerism had died out, but because there was some feeling that the Men's Meeting in Bristol, which had met fortnightly since 1667, was liable to act as plaintiff and jury in its own cause. It was the executive meeting for the city of Bristol, and had direct representation at London Yearly Meeting. There was no intermediate monthly or quarterly meeting to which disputes could be referred.

London Yearly Meeting, the central body, was established on a representative basis first in 1673. It was called for May, and (in addition to ministers) it was open to representatives, six from London, three from Bristol, two from Colchester, and one or two from each of the counties of England and Wales (see minute of 8 July 1672; representatives appointed 31 Mar., 14 Apr. 1673).

The central series of administrative records in any meeting is normally the minute books of the Men's meeting, which may date back in unbroken succession to 1667 or 1668, when George Fox was engaged in his work of regularising the meetings for business in the Society all over the country.

In Bristol the first minute book covers the period 1667-1686, when Friends' discipline was developing most rapidly. The heights of the earliest enthusiasm were past, but the Society was increasing in numbers as children grew up. While persecution would keep away many, and perhaps winnow out the chaff, the welfare of members and the good name of the Society called forth much thought and care from the local leaders among Friends. It is interesting to note how the rules for discipline were developed, and to guess which outgrowths were the results of suggestions from Friends from outside,¹ and which were of local origin. More local records will have to be made available for study before such points can be resolved.

The minute books in Bristol are preserved in complete sequence from 1667. Until 1784, Bristol meeting had its own representation at the Yearly Meeting. Since 1784 Bristol has been joined to Somerset, and has formed a monthly meeting in Bristol and Somerset General Meeting (before 1967, Bristol and Somerset Quarterly Meeting).² In 1870 a negotiated junction of the Bristol meeting with Frenchay Monthly Meeting (embracing parts of Gloucestershire around the city) brought into existence the present Bristol and Frenchay Monthly Meeting, under whose authority the minute books and other records of the Bristol Friends' Meeting have been deposited in the Bristol Archives Office at the Council House, Bristol.

The collection includes a full series of minute books of the Men's meeting, but the parallel series of Women's meeting books dates from 1755 only.³ Regrettable as the lack of early Women's meeting books is, the loss is perhaps not so vital as might be supposed. In theory the Men's and Women's meetings for discipline and government in the Society were equal in status, but they tended to have different spheres of activity, and where these coincided the Men's

¹ Note the spate of activity in the autumn of 1669, when influential Friends were in the city at the time of George Fox's marriage. Two new books were begun at this time: (i) "Records of dealings with delinquents", B.A.O., SF/A7/2; (ii) "Letters of contrition, etc.", B.A.O., SF/A7/3.

² From 1855 to 1868 this meeting had the title: Bristol, Somerset and Dorset Quarterly Meeting.

³ There were earlier Women's meeting books, 1673-1702, lettered A to C; see the Catalogue of records drawn up in 1737 (B.A.O., SF/CAT/1). These could not be traced in 1842, and the committee which dealt with the records then had no means of obtaining information as to their disposal. It is possible that they were cash books. The sequence of Women's cash books which survive begins 18 Jan. 1703, but unfortunately they had to be bound by the 1842 Committee, and any previous numbers or letters of identification have disappeared.

meeting always gained control. The day to day administration of poor relief was regarded as especially a task for the women, but even here the Men's meeting eventually ordered that no person should be given relief regularly without written consent from the Men's meeting.⁴ This was partly because the demands for the poor often outran the resources normally at the command of women Friends.

The earliest Men's meeting minute book covers a period of close on twenty years, from the time in 1667 when George Fox's *Journal* records:

wee came to Bristoll & after wee had had severall powerfull meetings we settled ye mens monthly meetinge there & ye womens meetinge.⁵

right on to the summer of 1686, when the third wave of persecution was over and the meeting houses were reoccupied.

It seems likely that when George Fox came and "settled" the meeting, he was but regularising some previous arrangement, and encouraging the meeting to keep a permanent record of its proceedings. The Broadmead Church kept a record, and about a score of the first Friends came from the Broadmead Church in 1654, so they probably adopted a similar course. If so, it is to be regretted that the meeting settled in 1667 did not preserve the documents produced by its informal predecessor. The likelihood that there was something which went before is increased by the fact that the minute book opens, without preamble or statement of constitution, with three minutes on general business, one authorising a collection, a second detailing two Friends to visit a father who had turned his son out of doors for joining Friends, and a third concerning a traveller to America (20 May 1667).

THE DISCIPLINE

Friends were always careful to watch over the behaviour of their members, so that there should be no grounds for reproach on the charge that they did not live up to their profession. The records of discipline illustrate the action taken, and the measure of failure

⁴ Minute of 13 June 1773.

⁵ Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 116. In point of fact the Men's meeting met fortnightly on Monday afternoons, but in the sense that the meeting exercised the functions which in other parts were exercised by monthly meetings, the statement is correct. There is a difficulty here. John Nickalls, the latest editor of Fox's *Journal* (Cambridge, 1952, p. 517), dates this visit at the end of March 1668. Bristol minutes begin in May 1667. When he wrote up the *Journal* about 1675 George Fox may have run together two accounts of visits to Bristol, one early 1667 and the second a year later. It may be significant that a new form for recording marriage proposals was adopted by the Men's meeting in March 1668—perhaps at the suggestion of George Fox, who may have been present.

or success achieved in securing consistent good behaviour among the members of the Society. These records reveal the care and persuasion, the admonition and assistance which went on within the body of a Christian society, and gave it a structure which withstood persecution, held to its beliefs and presented to the outside world a picture of integrity and consistency for which many who did not share the truth or acknowledge the validity could not deny their admiration. Old Admiral Penn (no friend of Quakers) at the last told his son: "Son William, if you and your friends keep to your plain way of preaching, and keep to your plain way of living, you will make an end of the priests to the end of the world. Bury me by my mother: live all in love: shun all manner of evil: and I pray God to bless you all: and He will bless you."⁶

If a report of misdemeanour came before it, the meeting would appoint a couple of Friends to visit the suspect, and ask the visitors to give an account of the truth of the matter at next meeting. For persistence in an offence, or for denial of the authority of the meeting in a matter affecting the reputation of Friends, the ultimate penalty was a minute of disunion (perhaps read out at the end of a public meeting for worship) excluding the offender from participating in the business of the Society, and disowning him until he should come to a true sense of repentance and wish to be re-united with Friends. Care was taken that Friends travelling as ministers should be duly accredited to meetings in districts where they planned to visit by letters or certificates from their home meetings. Friends who removed permanently from Bristol would be assured of acceptance in their new meeting when they produced a certificate attesting that they were members in good standing, and removals into the city were likewise acknowledged.

The basis of Friends' view of the discipline was well stated in a letter drawn up by William Rogers for the Men's meeting, and sent to Friends in Virginia and Maryland, 28 Oct. 1669:

There is a Christian obligation incumbent on every member of that holy body and society whereof Christ our Lord is head, to watch over one another & to be reproofing one another in the spirit of meekness & of sound judgment; not that thereby only we may respect the particular good of each member of the body, but that alsoe a true regard may be had to the glory of the name of the Lord, that soe his power & spirit may bee exalted over all.⁷

REGISTERS OF BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND BURIALS

Having denied the validity of the rites of the established church, Friends evolved their own system of government and safeguards

⁶ From "No cross, no crown", in *A collection of the works of William Penn*, 1726, i. 433.

⁷ Copy in B.A.O., SF/A7/8 p. xlv.

against the abuse of the new-found freedom. Marriages were entered into after declaration of both parties in a meeting for worship, but before a meeting for the purpose could be held, the consent of the meetings for discipline was necessary, and the gradual development of the procedure can be followed through the various minutes on the subject in the minute book printed in this volume. Strangers had to produce certificates of clearance from others in relation to marriage signed from their home meetings; consent of parents had to be obtained; appointments were made to inquire into the freedom of both parties from other entanglements.⁸ Registration of births, marriages and burials was established. The registers were surrendered to the Registrar-General after the General Registration Act, which came into force in 1837. Before surrender, a digest of the registers was prepared. Copies of this digest are at the library, Friends House, Euston Road, London, and a copy of the digest volumes for Bristol and Somerset Quarterly Meeting is in the archive collection deposited at Bristol Archives Office. Some further registers, which came to light after the first transfer, were surrendered to the government in 1857, and supplementary digest volumes for these entries are kept with the others.⁹ The minutes which recur, expressing concern at the state of the registers, show that Friends knew that records were incomplete. Gaps certainly occur in the Bristol registers, but there is no reason to assume that any registers once made have been lost.

THE ARCHIVES

As meeting business and organisation increased, the Men's meeting set up committees or subordinate meetings, which kept records of their specialised duties. In some cases, however, specialised business of a certain kind would be small in bulk, only infrequent in occurrence, or of such general importance that, although special records would be kept, it would be dealt with in the whole meeting. Such matters were oversight of cases of delinquency, the recording of sufferings and the maintenance of statistics. Towards the end of the seventeenth century and during the following years, special committees and meetings were set up to deal with certain activities. These bodies left records which do not come into the period covered by the present volume. In particular we may mention the meetings of Ministers and Elders, who had the care of the ministry and meetings for worship; and the General Committee, which had the oversight of finance, together with the subordinate Weekly

⁸ See R. S. Mortimer, 'Marriage discipline of early Friends: a study in church administration illustrated from Bristol records', *Jnl. F.H.S.*, 48 (1957), 175-95.

⁹ See List and Index Society, vol. 42. General Register Office. List of non-parochial registers—Main series & Society of Friends series. Reprinted 1969, from a corrected copy of *Lists of non-parochial registers and records in the custody of the Registrar-General*, 1858.

Committee which made cash payments and saw to the administration of property. Some small record survives of the Building Committee which had charge of the erection of the first Friars meeting house in 1670, although there are fuller records of eighteenth-century activities in this department.

Workhouse records are unfortunately incomplete. The Workhouse was established in 1696 to relieve distress among the weavers, and was governed by a committee appointed by the Men's meeting. This institution had a working life of a quarter of a century before it became a home for the aged and infirm poor, and a school for Friends' children. The present Friars meeting house, River Street, is built on part of the burial ground attached to the Workhouse.

Separate financial records survive from the end of the century, and they include the annual collection lists, showing the number of subscribers before the time of official lists of members. There are in the collection abstracts of title-deeds to property and records of legacies and their disposal.

The archives also include a handful of volumes recording relations between Bristol Meeting and other meetings, notably London Yearly Meeting, and the Bristol Yearly Meeting and the peripatetic Circular Yearly Meeting of the Western Counties, which went on through most of the eighteenth century.¹⁰ Negotiations preceding the junction of Bristol Two-weeks Meeting with Somerset Quarterly Meeting are recorded in a volume which continues as a minute book of the quarterly meeting until the end of 1786.

In 1737 the first existing catalogue of the meeting's records was made,¹¹ but it was not until 1842, as a consequence of the detailed search for registers to be surrendered to the Registrar-General, that active steps were taken for the organisation and preservation of the records. On 11 Aug. 1842 the committee appointed for the purpose recorded:

We agree to preserve and bind in volumes under their respective heads Papers illustrating the antient discipline of the Society, Letters, Certificates of removal, Certificates of clearance for marriage to 1760, and Certificates for ministers on religious service to 1820.

The committee proceeded to do this, and it also repaired volumes which were "much out of condition from age and having at some past period been placed in damp situations". The results of the committee's work in this direction are clearly recognisable in the collection today.

At the same meeting, the committee defined its destruction policy in the following statement:

¹⁰ See R. S. Mortimer 'Western Circular Yearly Meeting', *Jnl. F.H.S.*, 39 (1947), 33-44.

¹¹ B.A.O., SF/CAT/1.

It is agreed to destroy all money documents such as bills and receipts from 1700 to 1820 except Attorneys and such as bear on a right to property; Certificates of removal and acknowledgments from 1760 (from which date they are recorded) to 1820; Letters that appear of no value; Dealings with delinquents; Messages between the two Meetings, and sundry papers of the Meeting of temporary interest to 1820, except proceedings relating to marriage, such as relate to records of property, or illustrate from time to time the care and discipline of the Society; destroy all apprentice indentures in which all the parties are deceased, and some other documents of like nature to 1820; Answers to queries and minutes to the Quarterly Meeting which are recorded in the Monthly Meeting's books to 1820; destroy or disperse all printed papers except two epistles and one copy of a report of each kind.¹²

In a second report, 27 Oct. 1842, the committee stated:

We have prepared the Digested catalogue of the contents of the repository proposed in our former report. The total number of volumes of records is 78, of which 18 have been collected and bound by the committee.

The Digested Catalogue of 1842, in a copy taken in 1909, and supplemented by an Index made in 1933, still provides a useful survey of the collection, and can be relied on.

The danger of loss of records is illustrated by the following anecdote concerning the earliest Oxfordshire Quarterly Meeting minute book. It contained transactions up to 1760, and was in the hands of a Friend who was disowned and did not return it. When he died and his library was sold in 1809 no Friend remembered that he had had the book. It was bought by a bookseller, who sold it to Dr Routh (1755-1854) the famous President of Magdalen.¹³ At length, Friends came to hear of it, and a deputation waited on Dr Routh from the quarterly meeting. The narrative recounted by William Charles Braithwaite in his presidential address to the Friends' Historical Society,¹⁴ tells how

the Book was produced, found to terminate at the precise period described, and of course clearly identified. The Doctor described how he came by it, and assured the Friends that he had read the

¹² No doubt this policy was carried out, in the main. In the library [MS. case 110] at Friends House, London, is a collection of about 400 papers made by James Dix, clerk to the 1842 committee on registers. The collection includes examples of Bristol Men's meeting proceedings, letters, draft minutes, and certificates of publication of marriage, probably saved at this time and later presented to Friends in London.

¹³ *D.N.B.* He is said to have summed up his long experience, when invited to do so by an aspiring scholar, with "I think, sir, you will find it a very good practice *always to verify your references.*"

¹⁴ See *Jnl. F.H.S.*, 10 (1913), 181-84; also *Jnl. F.H.S.*, 5 (1909), 172.

Volume several times, and always with satisfaction; and in referring to the part the Society took in keeping clear from all political matters, and in the support of their Body, as appeared from the Minutes, he said he consider'd it highly creditable to their character. He then inform'd them that, altho' he set a high value upon the Volume, and had even provided in his will that it should be presented to some Foreign University or Society, yet he consider'd it ought to belong to the Society.

Dr Routh returned the book, and as an acknowledgment of his generosity, the quarterly meeting presented him with ten works written by Friends, "which he accepted with respect and gratitude". It is anyone's guess that the books which Oxfordshire Friends gave then may now be found among Dr Routh's benefaction in the University Library at Durham.

SEVENTEENTH CENTURY RECORDS

Of the archive volumes belonging to Bristol and Frenchay Monthly Meeting now deposited in the Bristol Archives Office, more than a score include seventeenth-century material. In editing this book of minutes the following items have been of particular value:

- Digests of registers of births, marriages and burials. (Bristol Archives Office reference number: SF/R1.)
- Letters and papers of George Fox and other early Friends, 1654-1761. (B.A.O., SF/C1/1(a). Calendared, with the title of Bristol MSS.V, in *Jnl. F.H.S.*, 9 (1912), 189-98.)
- Illustrations of discipline, 1666-1808 (including disputes and deeds for settlement; accounts of marriage proceedings; bonds; removal certificates; rents and property; letters concerning the powers of meetings. B.A.O., SF/A7/1. Catalogued by the 1842 committee on registers as C.1842 C.20, and numbered [141] by William Henry Woolley in his supplement of 1933.)
- Men's Meeting minutes, 1667-1686. (B.A.O., SF/A1/1. C.1842 A.1. [201]. The volume which is edited here.)
- Duplicate copy of Men's Meeting minutes, 1667-1680. (B.A.O., SF/A1/2. C.1842 C.1 [97].)
- Records of dealings with delinquents, 1669-1765 (including minutes of the Men and Women's meeting for discipline, 1669-1681. B.A.O., SF/A7/2. C.1842 C.2 [96].)
- Letters of contrition, etc., 1669-1691. (B.A.O., SF/A7/3. C.1842 C.3. [98].)
- Correspondence, 1669-1675. (Copies of letters on some pages of a book later used to record Removal certificates, 1760-1790. B.A.O., SF/A7/8. C.1842 C.6. [105].)
- Building book: being the proceedings of committees in building,

1670-1770. (B.A.O., SF/A12/1. C.1842 H.7. [149].)

rebuilding, and altering structurally meeting-house premises, Letters of discipline, 1671-1760 (including negotiations on poor relief; enquiries into marriage proposals; verdicts in disputes; subscription terms for printing Friends' books. B.A.O., SF/A7/4. C.1842 C.17. [139].)

Certificates of clearance for marriage granted by or addressed to Bristol Meeting, 1683-1759. (B.A.O., SF/A7/6. C.1842 G.10. [102].)

Collection lists, 1686-1806. (B.A.O., SF/F1/1. C.1842 H.8. [135].)

MEN'S MINUTES, 1667-1686

The basic source for the transactions of Bristol Friends' meeting is the volume catalogued as "The minutes of the Men's meeting held once in two weeks from 20th of 3rd month [May] 1667 to 16th of 6th month [August] 1686." The volume, like its immediate successors up to 1760, is a tall narrow book bound in gatherings of twelve leaves, about 39cm. × 15½cm., with chain-lines in the paper running horizontally. The binding, in full leather with panelled upper and lower covers, is to the standard pattern adopted by the Bristol Friends' committee on registers in 1842.¹⁵ There is a red label on the spine, blocked in gold: C.1842 A.1. A paper label, bearing the number 201, gives the number assigned in William Henry Woolley's supplementary catalogue of 1933. The first leaf is pasted to the marbled end-paper; the verso of the first leaf and the recto of the second bear some index entries; to the verso of the second leaf is pasted a sheet noting references to property matters, dated 10 mo. 1847. The text begins on folio numbered 1, and continues, with slight irregularity in numeration, to 110. This numeration has been retained. To make reference easier, the pages following the simple numbers have been numbered a (or a, b, and c when the numeration has been missed; *e.g.* in sequence 1, 1a, 2, 2a, 3 . . . 18, 18a, 18b, 18c, 19, 19a . . .). Folios 76 to 79 have been cut out. The final leaf has been numbered 137.

It will be observed that an additional minute for the meeting of 19 May 1679 has been added from the Duplicate copy (B.A.O., SF/A1/2) which contains minutes from 1667 to 18 Oct. 1680. The Duplicate is similar in size, appearance, and binding to the main book. A note by Richard Snead on the first page explains the existence of the duplicate set of minutes with reference to the Wilkinson-Story controversy (so named after John Wilkinson and John Story, two Westmorland Friends, the "two Johns" of the note) concerning church government in the Society of Friends, when there was some fear of a split among Bristol Friends.

The reason why this booke was made, was a feare that I and

¹⁵ The first three volumes of the series, covering years 1667 to 1716, are bound in this style. The later books are in their original bindings.

severall other freinds had, least when that unhappie difference was among freinds touching the two Johns, and strongly supported by severall Freinds of this Citty, and mostly per William Rogers . . . least sayd W.R. and others with him would have taken the Mens Meting book from us here, as wee had understood, that some of the same party with them, had taken away freinds Meting booke in Wiltshere¹⁶ . . . [This would have been] a great loss unto us, on the account of truths service. And this was the very cause and reason thereof. John Heggins he doen it, and I payd him, my self, for doeing thereof, near Forty shillings, in the yeare 1680. Richard Sneade.

There is no available evidence to show that the original minute book printed here was ever out of custody, but the minutes for 19 May 1679 (for which the Duplicate has supplied additional matter) would have been written on one of the folios (76-79) which have been cut out. Traces of writing are visible on the stubs of these leaves, but there does not now appear any break in the sequence of minutes.

Other volumes in the archives have supplied some further material, notably the volume "Illustrations of discipline" (B.A.O., SF/A7/1). This volume consists of papers bound up by the 1842 committee. It includes "Memorialls of the late Mens Meetings" 1682-1686, which Thomas Callowhill was asked to have entered up in the minute book, 16 Aug. 1686. Other supplementary items are indicated in footnotes to the text at the appropriate points.

THE WORK OF THE MEN'S MEETING

Bristol Men's Two-weeks Meeting, like the meetings for discipline in the Society of Friends in other areas, was concerned for the spiritual, moral and temporal welfare of its members. It had responsibility for the upkeep of meetings for worship, the provision of meeting houses, keeping records, representing Friends of the city in both their dealings with Friends outside and the civil authorities within the city.

In the course of general oversight of the conduct and behaviour of Friends, in seeking the well-being of the whole, the Men's Meeting had to do many things. It condemned a variety of faults: drinking to excess and card playing (29 Sept. 1669);¹⁷ taking oaths; forging a certificate to hasten a marriage (Feb. 1679); running away and changing his name (to that of a highly respected Friend of the city, May 1678); a "divisive spirit" (16 Oct. 1671). It is remarkable how reticent the record can be on matters of contention. For instance, during the Wilkinson-Story controversy on church government,

¹⁶ Wiltshire Quarterly Meeting book was taken out of a meeting at Devizes, 1 Apr. 1678 (*Jnl. F.H.S.*, 4 (1907), 119-21; 10 (1913), 182; *S.P.Q.* 316-7).

¹⁷ Dates refer to meetings where specific points are illustrated.

nothing is put down for 16 July 1677 when the "Paper of the 66" (dated from Ellis Hookes' chamber, London, 12 June 1677, and giving the orthodox side in the controversy) was read at the Men's Meeting. At that time John Story was in the city, and he had been interrupted while preaching in meeting the day before. Feeling was running high. News had come that Westmorland Quarterly Meeting had decided at its meeting, 6 July 1677, to withdraw from meetings for worship held at the houses of disaffected Friends (*i.e.* those who supported Wilkinson and Story). At the Men's meeting there was a discussion on the possibility of holding a meeting with the separatists to try and compose the differences.¹⁸ Of this the official minutes say not a word.

A study of the minute books will reveal the care which the meeting took by example and exhortation to encourage in Friends, both individually and in a corporate capacity, the habits and outlook of good faith, honesty and simplicity, which they felt was demanded of them. It has been remarked that the virtues which the puritans laid some stress on were ones which eventually paid off economically. Of this we can sense something too.

Friends kept the meeting accounts methodically. Meeting finance came under the scrutiny of the Men's meeting. Collections were taken approximately every year to replenish the Stock to meet the expenses of meeting houses and burial grounds, rents and repairs, the care of the poor, the expenses of ministering Friends who visited the city (14 June 1669), and an allocation sent to Friends' central funds in London for administration and assistance to Friends travelling abroad (for instance, 31 May & 27 Dec. 1669; 9 Dec. 1672; 9 Apr. & 7 May 1677; 25 Aug. 1679; 3 May 1680; 21 June 1686). Treasurers were appointed to keep the Stock and to make the payments, and provision was made regularly for audit (*e.g.* 18 Mar. & 1 Apr. 1672). It is unfortunate that the accounts for this period are lacking, and collection lists survive only from 1686.

Monies left to the meeting, and legacies in trust for the relief of the poor were carefully accounted for. The rolls of trustees were kept up to date with new appointments (23 June 1673; 8 Oct. 1677; 19 Apr. 1680). In spite of their care however, they were in difficulty when William Rogers, the trustee who held the deeds, refused to hand them over (16 Oct. 1682). At this period meeting correspondence was probably kept in a drawer or box in the meeting house, without any particular safety precautions (12 Mar. & 19 Nov. 1677).

One of the most recurrent causes of concern to Friends in this connection was in registration of births. The repeated minutes are guide to the unsatisfactory nature of the results which Friends felt they were achieving. Procedure was changed in efforts to improve the position. The help of the Women's meeting was called in (21 Oct. 1669; 15 May 1671; 3 Mar. 1673; 12 Mar. & 9 Apr. 1677;

¹⁸ W. Rogers, *The Christian Quaker*, 1680, ii. 10, 72-84; R. Snead, *An exalted Diotrephes reprehended*, 1681, 35-40.

1 July 1678; 16 Aug. 1686). In 1678 a form was settled for birth certificates, and a registrar was appointed and paid to keep the register (6 May & 23 Sept. 1678; 1 Dec. 1679; 30 Nov. 1683; 27 Oct. 1684). Having denied for themselves the validity of the baptismal rite of the established church, and thereby rejecting the registration that accompanied it, Friends had great difficulty in establishing a reliable register of births of their children.

The Men's meeting proved itself jealous of its authority. It directed that its business should not be divulged; it forbade an unsatisfactory member from attending its sessions (25 Nov. 1672). It also reacted strongly against the establishment of a separate disciplinary monthly meeting by women Friends without its prior consent (27 Nov. & 11 Dec. 1671). When many Friends were in prison, the Meeting directed that word should be left with the prisoners at Newgate where the next Men's meeting was to be held, so that they could inform any inquirers who wished to bring business before it (Mar. 1682). One procedural point of interest was when a decision was reached by lot on the site for the new meeting house (2 Nov. 1669). In January 1670 the meeting was seeking a clerk, although to judge from the variety of hands which found employment in writing up the minutes, a settled clerk was never found.

The Men's meeting had general oversight of the conduct of the meetings for worship. This sometimes involved measures to restrain boys, and other disorderly persons like "William Davis and the crayzie woman" (15 Dec. 1679), making a disturbance both outside the meeting houses when their elders were worshipping within, and also disturbing the meeting inside the house. This was a problem which Friends never really solved, but it has been pointed out that the "rude boys" of the 1670s were the same as the "children who kept up the Meeting, at the Meeting-House-Door, in the open Streets, in Bristol" in the persecution of the 1680s.¹⁹

The Men's meeting authorised any necessary alteration in the times for the Sunday and weekday meetings on Tuesdays and Fridays. The times of meetings for worship would be varied, for instance, at the fair times when the city was thronged two meetings were held each Sunday at both Friars and Temple Street to accommodate the large numbers expected (14 Jan. 1678). It may be noted here that attendances at the Men's meeting at fair times were probably small, as the merchants and shopkeepers would be busy at their work (8 July 1672).

Proposals were approved for private silent meetings (21 Oct. 1678) in spite of the fear that some of the weaker-willed might find them an excuse for deserting the public meetings for worship if persecution returned, as it did within a few years. The Men's meeting arranged for payments to the porter of the Pithay Gate, for

¹⁹ M. H. Simpson, 'Bristol Friends and the Friars meeting house', *Jnl. F.H.S.*, 47 (1955), 32.

his pains in opening the gate to Friends going to and from meeting on a Sunday (Oct. 1668). A like payment was made to the Newgate porter when Friends had moved to the Friars (Oct. 1673).

MEETING HOUSES

One of the major decisions which the Men's meeting was called upon to take concerned the provision of meeting houses in the city. In Dec. 1667 it was decided to provide a new meeting house, but it took nearly two years and the appointment of a committee of Friends from outside the city (who were in town when George Fox married Margaret Fell) to decide to build on a site on Dennis Hollister's ground at the Friars and on the composition of the building committee (28 Oct. & 2 Nov. 1669). The minutes enable one to follow the process in 1669 and 1670 of securing the site, deciding to build, making collections to finance the building of the Friars meeting house, and the subsequent alterations to it, the addition of galleries, the cleaning and upkeep of the premises, and the resumption of occupation after the persecutions.

The minutes in December 1667 affirm that a meeting house was to be provided south of the river. It was perhaps a symptom of continuing separatist feeling in Bristol, carried down from the middle ages when only after a protracted struggle was the prosperous Redcliffe side of the river incorporated in the city. There are other pointers in later years which could support the view that "Over the Bridge" Friends (as they were known) felt themselves to have interests not always coinciding with, or fully considered by, the more numerous body north of the Avon. However, Friends as a whole agreed to pay for a meeting house in Temple Street (16 Dec. 1667), and it became a general public meeting house equally with the other. The meeting house in Temple Street was opened in 1668, and from December that year the Sunday morning meeting was held there, beginning at 10 o'clock (30 Nov. 1668). The vicissitudes of this house likewise can be traced through the medium of the minutes.

There are also minutes concerning the lease of the rooms under the rented meeting house in Broadmead (Sept.-Dec. 1668), and the final notice to quit that house in August 1671. When Friends left, the Broadmead Church moved in.

After the persecution, Friends had to re-furnish both their houses, and they put in a tenant at the Friars to keep possession for them (7, 21 June & 19 July 1686). There had been a caretaker at the Friars before (30 Oct. 1671; 15 Dec. 1679), and provision had been made for pitching and cleaning the way in from the street (22 Jan. 1672).

The burial grounds in use during the period were the main ground at Redcliffe Pit, portion of which may still be seen near the roundabout in Redcliffe Way, between Redcliffe Hill and Redcliffe Bridge. After 1670 a few Friends were interred at the Friars. Before

the Redcliffe ground was purchased the registers do not usually give a location for burials, with the exception of a handful buried in their gardens—including some plague victims. To judge from the minutes, there was not so much uneasiness about the keeping of records of burials as for those of births, although remedial measures were taken from time to time. The gravedigger was called in about overcharging the poor (18 Oct. 1669). Later, Friends' witness for simplicity led the meeting to unite with a testimony against painted and carved tombstones and ornate coffins, and (after some hesitation) to direct that all gravestones should be removed from the burial ground (Dec. 1670, Feb. 1671).²⁰

Burials were restricted as far as possible to Friends who were in good standing at death, and a few solid Friends only were given authority to issue burial notes which ordered the gravedigger to prepare a grave (14 Nov. 1670; 30 Mar. 1673; 7 Mar. 1681). This rule was felt to be important. In one case of delinquency it was stated that the person being dealt with was being reprov'd only because he had been so far accepted as a Friend as to be allowed to bury his child in the burial ground—otherwise he would not have been thought of as a Friend at all (5 June 1676).

DAILY LIFE

In caring for Friends in their daily occupations, from time to time the Men's meeting issued general papers exhorting members to maintain high standards of behaviour (18 Aug. 1673; 25 Mar., 6 May & 17 June 1678). In 1671 the meeting received papers disapproving of "excess, superfluity, vanity & curiosity in the houses and apparrell of friends". The meeting had unity with these papers, and presented them to the Women's meeting for their approval (29 May 1671). A fortnight later the meeting called makers of apparel together to exhort them to eschew vanities and excess (June 1671).

A paper was given out warning Friends against the danger of running into bankruptcy (Dec. 1680-Jan. 1681), and a panel of Friends was appointed to give advice and to help in maintaining standards of commercial probity. There was a case where the executors of an estate were being blamed because the debts of the deceased had not been paid. The meeting enquired into the matter and intervened to get this done (19 Feb. & 5 Mar. 1683).

Peter Hawkins was asked not to sell ale any longer than to dispose of his current stock (26 Apr. 1675). Reference to the Men and women's meeting minute of 8 April 1675 reveals that Peter Hawkins, shoemaker, had lately begun to sell ale "and doth entertaine persons in his house drinking at unseasonable houres of the

²⁰ The carved stone commemorating Christopher, son of Christopher Birkhead, mariner, 16 Apr. 1669, seems to have escaped. It was still visible some years ago in the little cell opening off the burial ground (*Western Daily Press*, 3 & 4 Mar. 1950; *Trans. B.G.A.S.*, 34 (1911), 2).

night". Friends were "offended and dissatisfied therat".²¹

Conciliation was offered in disputes, which seem mainly to have concerned business deals (15 May 1671; 6 July, 17 & 31 Aug., 14 Sept., 26 Oct., 23 Nov. 1674; 4 Jan. & 21 June 1675; 3 & 17 July 1676; 18 June & 2 July 1677; 19 Apr. 1680). As a corollary to this, Friends roundly condemned frivolous legal actions. The meeting dealt faithfully with one who "confest that hee repaired to the majestates, & that the debt hee demanded was but 2s. 9d." (25 Nov. 1672).

Marriage business occupied quite a quarter of the recorded transactions of the meeting. A feature of the minute book is the information provided on the families whose children came to meeting to have their marriages approved. There were matrimonial troubles (10 & 24 Feb. 1679). The procedure evolved for the shotgun wedding (Aug.-Sept. 1674) is illuminating. That Friends' procedure did not please everybody is revealed in the complaint reported 29 Sept. 1669.

In matters of succession, care was taken of the rights of children in cases where a widow married again, with children of the first marriage living, and in one case enquiry was made as to the security of the rights of the woman in a marriage settlement (Feb. 1673).

Apprenticeship matters came before the meeting in connection with the placing of boys, where parents were poor and failed to make private arrangements for binding them and fitting them out with clothing on entry (3 & 17 June, 15 July, 9 Sept., 30 Dec. 1667; 23 Mar. 1668; 18 Mar., 1 Apr., 9 Dec. 1672; 27 Oct. 1673; 2 Mar. 1674; 3 Nov. 1679). There were also cases of dissatisfaction which arose between master and apprentice, which the parties could not resolve between themselves, and referred to the meeting (5 June 1676; 2 July 1677). Samuel Parsons, for example, was eventually sent to sea. Friends of the Men's meeting did not approve of apprentices making undue demands on masters (12 Aug. 1677). The Meeting's proceedings in response to the requests for assistance in apprenticing Thurston Saunders and Isaac Thomas (1672, 1673) illustrate a good many of the points in the methods adopted. If the meeting felt that relations could assist, they did not hesitate to ask that such help should be sought (Elizabeth Andrews, 1674).

In the field of education there is not a great deal to report. John Toppin was proposed as a schoolmaster for Friends' children (22 Feb. & 22 Mar. 1669; 22 Jan. 1672), but the first master at a school on the Friars premises was Lawrence Steel (27 Apr. 1674; 19 July 1675). He kept school there until his imprisonment in 1682. At this time, Friends probably found the needs of most children could be met privately without setting up their own school.

²¹ B.A.O., SF/A7/2.

POOR RELIEF

The Women's meeting had particular responsibility in the day to day administration of poor relief. Their funds seem to have come from collections among their members, but this source sometimes proved insufficient to satisfy claims made upon it, and the Men's meeting had to make a grant (for instance, 7 Oct. 1667 for "coales & cheese"). In various circumstances, the Men's meeting gave money for rent, assistance to get a bed out of pawn (Aug. 1676), although these matters were more usually dealt with by the Women's meeting. On one occasion a loan was authorised to be made to a man whose house had been burned down (Sept. 1676); iron was provided to keep a blacksmith in work (Feb., Aug. 1671; Jan. 1673; Nov. 1674), grain for a baker (Mar. 1669), money to provide work for poor shoemakers (9 Nov. 1676; 19 Sept. 1681); £3 to one who broke his leg; payment for the cure of an insane boy (Feb. 1675); relief for a sufferer from the king's evil (Nov. 1679). Loans were made on the security of Friends of the meeting, or on some other security, such as pieces of serge (July 1681).

Friends in business difficulties received good advice as well as financial assistance. The meeting would direct that creditors should be spoken with, or a letter of licence obtained from creditors before Friends would lend any money (17 July 1676; 19 Feb. 1683). Problems involving settlement do not make much appearance in the minutes at this period (24 Nov. 1673). It is too early for the long series of letters which sometimes passed between meetings before they could reach a decision on the support of the poor. Enquiries were made into the good standing as Friends of those who needed relief (7 Oct. 1667; 2 Oct. 1671; 3 July 1676; 25 Feb. 1678; 12 Jan. 1680). On one occasion the family of a poor Friend was to be stirred up to help (2 Mar. 1685). Charges for boarding seem to have varied between 3s. per week (food, lodging, washing and mending, for one of apprentice age, 20 Apr. & 4 May 1668) and £10 per annum (for a child, 20 Mar. 1671).

Relief for persons outside the meeting ranged from the help for the family of Thomas Parsons of Portishead, who died a prisoner at Ilchester in March 1671 (20 Mar. 1671; 22 Jan., 5 Feb. & 4 Mar. 1672; 27 Oct. 1673), and the offers of assistance to Gloucester (11 July 1670) and west Gloucestershire suffering Friends (22 Oct. & 5 Nov. 1677), to the aid given to Wenlock Christison preparing to go to New England (20 May, 3 & 17 June, 15 July 1667) and to travellers windbound in port waiting for transport to Ireland (13 Oct. 1673; 3 Dec. 1677). Collections were made for the redemption of captives in the hands of the Turks (26 Oct. 1674; 8 Sept. 1679; 12 Jan. 1680), and a contribution for Friends suffering from persecution at Danzig and Emden (3 May 1680).

Collections were taken for losses by fire recommended to Friends' charity for George Embry, a Friend of Southampton (5

& 19 Aug. 1672), for Friends of Cullompton and Bradninch (8 & 22 Aug. 1681, in advance of the brief issued in 1682 for that fire), for Northampton Friends (5 June 1676), and on the briefs for fires at Fordingbridge (29 Sept. & 8 Dec. 1673) and Wem (25 Feb. 1678).²²

The payment for a horse (Aug. 1669) was probably for the use of Friends travelling in the ministry, perhaps to provide a mounted guide to accompany such Friends to their next appointment at a meeting in the country. A minute of 14 June 1669 provides for the use of a formula which would conceal the names of travelling Friends who received their expenses, or had their lodging and stabling paid for by the treasurers.

SUFFERINGS

The "sufferings" of Friends, that is the hardships they underwent for the sake of religion (or, as the title of Joseph Besse's *Collection of the Sufferings*, 2 vols., 1753, expresses it, "for the Testimony of a Good Conscience") are exemplified in court records of the period. At different times Friends found themselves charged with plotting against the government, charged under the Blasphemy Act, 1650, proceeded against as vagrants and charged with travelling on the Lord's Day, with disturbing church services and refusing honour to magistrates. After the Restoration, the Quaker Act, 1662, and the Conventicle Acts of 1664 and 1670 provided ready means to break up meetings for worship, which were also proceeded against as riots. The oaths of allegiance and supremacy were tendered to individual Friends, and there were instances of fines for absence from church, and for refusal to find a man for the militia.

The Men's meeting did what it could to mitigate the impact of sufferings on Friends. When Friends were kept out of their meeting houses, and were inhibited from pursuing their claim to possession because William Rogers held the deeds and was unwilling to give them up, the meeting took what steps it could to clarify the position and regain possession. The meeting memorialised the deputy lieutenants when distresses were levied because Friends did not appear in arms for the militia (July 1675); the sheriffs were approached to try to get William Ithield out of prison (Jan. 1679; not released until 1680). The meeting kept the records of sufferings in the city, and kept in contact with London Friends. It handled the distribution of relief to prisoners in Newgate and Bridewell (Apr. 1684), including sums supplied from Friends in London, in York and Ireland.

Records of sufferings are not mentioned on many occasions (2 Dec. 1667; 21 June, 19 July, 16 Aug., 13 & 27 Sept., 11 Oct. 1675). Events during periods of suffering sometimes reveal what was going on (22 Aug. 1670, Second Conventicle Act; 20 Feb. & 6 Mar. 1682, Friends in the prisons to be told of meeting business for

²² See *Jnl. F.H.S.*, 48 (1958), 271-2.

better publicity). The minutes reveal little of the attempts made by Friends to alleviate the sufferings of the prisoners (21 Aug. 1682; 5 Feb. 1683; 28 Apr., 26 May, 24 Nov., 8 Dec. 1684).

Friends' testimony against the acceptance of a double standard of honesty, and their refusal to take oaths, bore hardly on men who had served their apprenticeship in the city but could not take up their freedom without taking the Burgess oath (7 Dec. 1674). Some individuals were dealt with for having taken oaths (3 Apr. & 7 Aug. 1671; 13 Oct. 1673). This bar to full citizenship was not finally overcome until after the Affirmation Act, 1696 had been passed. Then Friends were able to renew their application to the city chamberlain, and arrangements were made for Friends' affirmation to be accepted in place of the oath of a burgess.

The provision of books for spreading Friends' views was one of the works undertaken by the Men's meeting. For many years it was in the hands of John Wear. In 1668 he was paid 4s. 6d. for books sent to Wales (20 Apr. 1668). Book accounts were presented (20 Nov. 1676; 9 Feb. 1680). Apart from collecting accounts of sufferings for printing, the meeting also had under consideration a collection of the works of Camm and Audland, so that a memorial volume could be printed to bring back to Friends' memories the labours of the two men who came out of the North and established Quakerism in Bristol (1 July 1678; 8 Sept. 1679). This work did not appear until 1689.

At other times the meeting considered printing an account of the sufferings during the mayoralty of John Lawford, 1664-65 (no trace of this work has been found), the paper of advice drawn up by the meeting itself (June 1678), and the forms for birth certificates.

Apart from the passage of certificates of removal for individual Friends, the minutes illustrate relations with other meetings and with Friends overseas by references to the distribution of the printed accounts of Friends' sufferings in New England (20 Aug. & 23 Sept. 1667; 26 Aug. 1669) and keeping up the records (21 Oct. 1669). Books were sent to the West Indies (5 Jan. 1674). Letters on disciplinary matters went to Virginia and Maryland (29 Sept. 1669; 5 & 20 Jan., 7 July & 18 Aug. 1673; 14 & 28 Sept. 1674). The certificates of removal or for clearance for marriage to Jamaica, Antigua, Nevis, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania (5 Mar., 20 Aug., 3 Sept. & 29 Oct. 1683; 13 Apr. 1685; 16 Aug. 1686) must represent only a small proportion of Bristol Friends who went across the Atlantic as traders or settlers.

SOCIAL STATUS

From the Quaker evidence available at present, some 10 per cent of seventeenth-century Friends whose names and stated occupations are known to me were described as merchants. Perhaps eight Friends were members of the Society of Merchant Venturers. The famous

passage in *The lives of the Norths*,²³ records of Bristol

that all men that are dealers, even in shop trades, launch into adventures by sea, chiefly to the West India plantations and Spain. A poor shopkeeper that sells candles will have a bale of stockings, or a piece of stuff, for Nevis, or Virginia, &c.

Men of this stamp might on occasion be called merchants, and might even rise to be known as such consistently, while others would more normally be designated by some more limited appellation. The spread of occupations is shown below.²⁴ The figures for percentages are given to the nearest whole number, and occupations represented by 3 per cent or more of Friends have the appropriate percentage figure alongside. It can be seen how strong the Society was in the clothing trades, and how meagrely represented at the top and bottom ends of the scale.

	Per cent
Gentleman	1
Learned professions (attorney, scribe, schoolmaster (3), apothecary)	7
Commercial, food and consumption goods (merchant (10), chapman, grocer (7), baker, butcher, victualler, sugar refiner, tobacconist, brewer, distiller, cider-dealer, maltman, malster, wine merchant, soap-boiler/soapmaker (7))	29
Mechanic trades (shipwright, millwright, anchorsmith, blacksmith, farrier, coppersmith, wiredrawer, pewterer (3), iron-monger, gallypotmaker, cooper, currier, sadler, rope-maker, staymaker, whittawer, carpenter, freemason, mason, roughmason, mariner)	21
Clothing trades (merchant tailor, tailor (8), clothier, linendraper, mercer, milliner, woollendraper, silkman, hosier, stockingmaker, button maker, glover, weaver (3), sergeweaver, silkweaver (7), woolcomber, feltmaker, cordwainer, shoemaker, translator (footwear together, 8)	40
Unskilled (labourers, servants)	2

²³ Bohn edition. Ed. Jessopp. i. 156.

²⁴ Extracted from the table in R. S. Mortimer, *Quakerism in seventeenth century Bristol*, 1946.

Within each occupation group is probably hidden a wide variation in status, and it is not possible to describe this without much more detailed evidence. Information is insufficient to warrant any detailed statement on the location of industry. Only the most obvious conclusions can be drawn, such as the strength of the seafaring interest in Stephen's parish and elsewhere on the quays, and down river; the concentration of weavers in the suburbs of Barton Regis and Bedminster; and the little colony of whittawers at Broad Weir.

For a fuller study, reference may be had to a paper by W. A. Cole, entitled "The social origins of the early Friends".²⁵ Professor Cole favours the view that "it was among the more hard-pressed sections . . . that Quakerism was most influential". It is true, however, that early Friends did not come from the poorer classes alone. The local leaders in Bristol included successful shopkeepers and merchants like Dennis Hollister, Thomas Gouldney, Charles Harford, and Edward Pyott. The last-named, when he was arrested with George Fox at St Ives in 1656 on a vagrancy charge, offered on the spot (in order to prove that they were no common vagrants) to buy from the magistrate before whom they appeared goods to the value of £1,000, or to sell him goods to the same amount.²⁶ Nevertheless, it was noticeable to contemporaries at the end of the seventeenth century that prosperity was increasing among Friends. One contemporary reminded Friends how it had been with them in the beginning of the movement, and how they had been preserved throughout the persecutions:²⁷

The Lord has given Riches, and made up your Losses both in London and Bristol (especially Bristol), I mean what you have lost by suffering for Truth.

Industry was bringing a reward. Benjamin Coole is one who springs to mind. He came to Bristol from Devizes, and settled here in 1689. Achieving rapid success in trade, he used his good fortune to back industrial enterprise at Baptist Mills and elsewhere. This earned him some envious looks. George Keith, in controversy with Friends over church government, brought this rapid rise to affluence up against him. Coole retorted²⁸

That Reflection on me as if it was, *but Lately I left the Loom, being a poor Lad, but am now worth Hundreds* shews how hard he . . . is put to it—for were it not that things are at a very low Ebb with him; he would not, surely have wounded me with that

²⁵ *Jnl. F.H.S.*, 48 (1957), 99-118. The Bristol evidence is discussed on pages 111-113. See also R. T. Vann, 'Quakerism and the social structure in the Interregnum', *Past and Present*, no. 43 (May 1969), 71-91.

²⁶ *West answering the North*, 1657, p. 3.

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²⁸ B. Coole, *Honesty the truest policy*, 1700, pp. 88-89.

Weapon, what Ere he had done; it being so common to Oyster Women, Water-men, and Porters.

Backed by commercial success some Friends were finding themselves well placed to play a part in the industrial expansion of the next century.

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NOTE ON TRANSCRIPTION

The aim in this edition has been to reproduce the text as finally left by the clerk of the meeting when he drew up each minute, and also to indicate any amendments in the text, made at the time of the meeting, which add to the sense of each item, or which show how the final wording was arrived at. Deleted matter which adds to the sense is indicated in a note.

A note in the text indicates the addition of further material (usually at a subsequent meeting, to report action, to add supplementary names to an appointment, or the like). Such additions often begin with the date, but a note "Added later", has been made wherever necessary. Scribal errors and repetitions, whether amended in the original or not, are ignored when they add nothing to the sense.

Square brackets enclose added matter; usually interpolated to elucidate the sense (for instance, the names of months are added to the numbers) or as a necessary correction to spelling.

Abbreviations and contractions have been extended, except for proper names, money statements and the ampersand. Superior letters have been lowered except where it could cause confusion.

Modern practice has been adopted in capitalisation generally, over i and j, and v and u, F (*for* ff), and in adopting the, them, then, their (*for* ye, ym, yn, yr, developed from the Old English þ (Thorn)).

Minimal punctuation has been provided where necessary.

DATES

Friends eschewed the naming of days and months after heathen gods. In Quaker documents, Sunday became First day; Monday, Second day; and so on to Saturday, Seventh day.

Up to 1752 under the Old Style Julian calendar, the English New Year began on Lady Day, March 25. March therefore was First month; April, Second month, and the following January and February were Eleventh and Twelfth month (of the old year) respectively. Dates from March 1 to March 24 may well have the double year dating (see 1667/8, heading the minutes for 9 & 23 Mar. 1668). On occasion the double dating may be carried back towards January 1, as 21 12mo. 1680/1 (for 21 Feb. 1681).

In transcribing the minutes modern month names have been inserted in brackets in the date line at the opening of each meeting. In editorial matter the New Style for months and years (beginning in January) is used.

[BRISTOL FRIENDS' MEN'S MINUTES]

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20th of 3d month [May] 1667

1. That on the next first day Thomas Speed doe signify to Freinds¹ in the publike meetinge that on the next first day followinge a publike Collection bee made for the poore & other services relatinge to truth, and that John Love and Thomas Callohill bee appointed to stand at the lower stayre head to receive from such who shal bee free to contribute to said uses, & that on the day of the Collection Nathaniell Milner doe put freinds in remembrance that some att the lower staire head will attend ye receivinge of what shall bee contributed to said uses.

2. That William Yeamans and Wm. Rogers doe treat with William White touching his sonn accordinge as they shall thinke meet.

3. That Morgan Watkins writes to Freinds in London touchinge Winlock Christison his goinge to Newengland, & that in case the ship goes away before answer from friends, then that his passage may bee by us defrayd.

3d 4th Month [June] 1667

That W. Rogers & W. Yeamans bee desired to speak with W. James concerning W. Whites son Serjeant signifying the desire of friends that if W. James found freedome, hee would take the sayd lad apprentice; & that if W. James find the thing with him & accepts therof, that then W. Rogers, & W. Yeamans are desired to signify the same to W. Whites father, & that hee may treat with W. James, & W. James with him concerning this matter. The Lad being to returne to his fathers house this night by his fathers consent, out of which for his Conscience being convinced of Trueth his father turnd him.

That Morgan Watkins bee desired to write to Amor Stoddart, & friends in London concerning Wenlock Christisons passage to New England; & their takeing order to defray the chardge; & that in the meantime, if the shipp bee ready that the chardge of his passage bee defrayed out of the Publike; as hath been formerly ordred.

That Nath. Milner, & Jno. Wear bee desired to speake with James

¹ For the use of the word "Friends" for members of the congregation see *Jnl. F.H.S.*, 4 (1907), 119-21.

Steerage about takeing Christopher Atkins to his apprentice, & with the lad to know his willingness to bee his apprentice; & upon what termes James will take him, if the lad bee willing to goe to him; & that they give friends to understand what they have done therin the next Meeting.

17th 4th Month [June] 1667

That W. Rogers, & W. Yeamans bee desired to treat with Thomas Taylor Schoole master concerning W. Whites son, & the takeing of him as an apprentice; & if the lad, & hee bee willing; that the lads father bee acquainted therewith, in order to his settlement ther; & that as good termes bee procured as may bee for the lad.

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That if opportunity present for W. Christisons goeing to New England; the chardge of his passage bee defrayed out of friends Treasury.

That Christopher Atkins think of some place which may most suite with him, wher to bee bound apprentice; with which friends being satisfied; they will endeavour to place him ther. And that Charles Jones bee desired, & John Hort to speak with W. Maynard therabouts.

That W. Rogers, & Nath. Milner bee desired to goe to W. White the Elder, & acquaint him, That Friends have considered the objection which hee hath made concerning the Schoolmasters being a stranger, to whom friends thought to place his son; & that they cannot advise him to place his son ther whilst that dissatisfaction is with him. But if hee is willing to place him ther, hee may doe as hee thinks fit & friends will bee assistant therin.

W. Maynard is desired to consider of some convenient place of a shoemaker wherunto to put Christop. Atkins & to give friends an account therof.

15th 5th Month [July] 1667

Wheras William Maynard hath been desired to consider of the takeing Christopher Atkins apprentice, & upon consideration, & triall W. Maynard being willing to take him an apprentice, & Christopher Atkins being spoken to & haveing tried; being willing to bee bound an apprentice to him, & to bee subject as a servant, as becommeth Trueth; as hee hath declared. Friends doe find freedome to give Eight Pounds with him to the sayd William; but as for apparell they leave that to bee supplied by the parents of Christopher if they bee able, & willing, but if they are neither able, nor willing, then friends are willing to take it into consideration to supply him.

William White the younger being turned out of doores by his father W. White the Elder, for being turned to the Trueth; friends took consideration of the lad, & endeavoured by certaine friends

both with his father, & others both as to convince his father of his unnaturalness to him, & to place him somewher for a livelyhood. At length, Abraham Vines, late of London, professor of Writeing & Arithmetick, coming to live at this place, the lad was willing to goe to him, & his father being left by friends to his owne freedome therin, his father, & the sayd Abraham, & the lad agreed among themselves, & soe the lad is placed with him as an apprentice.

That Wenlock Ch[r]istison being in some extraordinary occasion of expence by reason of his wifes being lately delivered of a child, the summe of fourty shillings bee given for his Releife.

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12th 6th Month [August] 1667

Christopher Atkins being without imployment & desireing some assistance to bee placed an apprentice, friends, beyond his desire treated with William Maynard, & agreed to place him with the sayd William, & to give William the summe of Eight Pounds in mony; & alsoe convenient apparell, if his friends were neither able, nor willing to provide for him; & Christopher was spoken with both this, & former Meetings concerning his serving as became Trueth; & hee declared his willingness soe to serve; & friends expected noe other but that hee should bee bound as was mutually agreed. But hee appearing this meeting day, & signifying his dissatisfaction to bee bound unless the sayd William did first promise him the liberty of Meeting; or goeing to Meetings as hee pleased, friends, being not of that mind, but judging it altogether unreasonable, & unfit to put William, being a friend, under such an obligation, have left Christopher otherwise to provide for himselfe, as hee shall think fit, & have cleared themselves of any obligation of any thing formerly done by them in reference to him, as resting upon them.

the 26th of the 6th month [August] 1667

Dennis Hollister is desired to write to George Fox, & to acquaint him from the Meeting; that what books of the Sufferings of New England² friends at London thinke fit to send thither upon the Publique chardge, friends here will beare their Proportion.

9th 7th Month [September] 1667

George Fox having returned by letter to the message of Friends the last meeting concerning the books lately printed concerning the Suffrings of N. England, that Friends here send to William Warwick for 200, & that Friends pay him. Friends are contented it shall bee soe; & George Bishope is desired to write to W. Warwick therabouts; & that friends here will see him satisfied; & wheras George Bishope hath been at 40/s. chargde in reference to that

² G. Bishop, *New England judged. The second part, being a relation of the . . . sufferings of . . . Quakers, in the jurisdiction chiefly of the Massachusetts*, 1667.

book, & the cariage of books on the Publique that were sent from London lately to bee sent to New England, that George Bishope bee payd the sayd summe out of the Publique Treasury.

That the summe of fifty shillings bee given to Margret Thomas Widdow towards the apparelling of two of her sons, whoe are sayd to bee now goeing to sea, & the Treasurers are desired to disburse the sayd summe to her.

[p. 2a] 23d 7th Month [September] 1667

The chardge of the 200 books of N. England Suffrings; vizt. the summe of 12£. 8/s. 2d. is to bee defrayd by the Treasurers to W. Warwick, or whom hee shall appoint; & the Treasurers are desired to see it satisfied accordingly.

7th 8 month [October] 1667

It is agreed that³ the son of³ bee maintain'd by freinds out of the publique stock for that upon a serious debate and consideracion had amongst freinds the father was understood to bee a freind of truth, and dyed in the faith, and that the women freinds doe according to the accustom'd manner take the care of the child.

[*In margin:*] The child is dead & was buried 17th 9th mo 1667.

That the summe of five Pounds bee disbursed out of the Publique stock to the Women at their Meeting, as they shall desire towards a provision of coales & cheese for the poor this winter; & other occasions for the poor as they shall think fit.

13th 9th Month [November] 1667

That those friends whoe were present at the mariage of Hen. Pritchard & Mary Smith notwithstanding that friends of the Mens Meeting denied to have to doe in his marriage till hee owned Judgment upon his miscarriages proved upon him at the Meeting, bee desired to bee at the next Meeting, & that Tho. Watkins, & John Wear bee desired to acquaint as many of them as they shall come to know, herewith.

2d 10th Month [December] 1667

That a Paper bee drawne upp against the next Meeting for the disowning of Henry Pritchards marriage; & that George Bishope bee desired to make ready the sayd Paper.

It is concluded that a large publique meetinge house on this side the bridge⁴ bee built on the ground and that it bee not thereby intended to make voyd the determinacion of friends in procuringe a meetinge house on the other side the bridge.

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⁴ *i.e.* on the north (Gloucestershire) side of the River Avon.

That George Bishope, Dennis Hollister, Tho. Gouldney, Tho. Speed, William Rogers, William Yeamans, Tho. Bisse, Charles Jones, Charles Harvord, William Ford, William Taylard, Rich. Marsh, & John Love, consider of, contract for, build; & finish a new large Meeting house with a floor upon the ground in some place on the side of the Bridge as the Generall Meeting house now is; & that [p. 3] what they or any seaven of them doe therin, shall bee made good by the body of Friends as every one shall think meet.

That the Book concerning friends sufferings in John Lawfords year; & since,⁵ be made ready, & printed, it being the Judgment of Friends that now is a season for that purpose; & that Thomas Salthouse, & William Rogers takeing to them whom of friends they shall think fit; doe goe thorough & finish it.

16th 10th Month [December] 1667

Friends being met together, & Hen. Pritchard presenting himselfe amongst them; & appearing in the same unruly, & bad spirit as hee had done before; & unconvinced of his former, & later miscarriages; did Judge it not convenient that hee should remaine among them, & therefore, haveing declared the thing to him & the reasons, desired him to depart.

That the paper read in the Meeting concerning Hen. Pritchard prepared by George Bishope, bee drawne fayre by him & brought to them on the next Meeting Day to bee signed by them as they then shall think fit.

The same day Hen. Pritchards marriage being spoken of, & severall friends then present willing to signe a Paper to redeem their being present at the marriage of the sayd Henry, this following Paper was signed by them, unto which alsoe they have here set their hands: vizt.⁶

Wee, whose names are subscribed doe signify that upon Henry Pritchards suggestion that noe friends were against his marriage, but only two, & our not haveing understood what wee have since that many fowle miscarriages were proved against him, wherupon friends, whilst hee stood unjudged by himselfe therin could doe nothing in order to his marriage, wee were present among others when hee took Mary Smith to wife; which wee are sorry for; partly because wee understand that his sayd suggestion was false; & partly because our presence as witnesses to his marriage tends (as upon serious consideration wee have found) to the breach of good order among friends. And therefore wee disowne the sayd marriage, & our being therat; notwithstanding that wee then as witnesses signed a certificate of his marriage. And of this wee desire all friends to take notice, that through this occasion of ours, none

⁵ No printed book answering this description has been found. John Lawford, mayor, 1664-5.

⁶ See also the volume C.1842 C.3 [98]; B.A.O., SF/A7/3, 12.

for the future may bee induced to doe that which is prejudiciall to the Trueth, or of scandall therunto.

John Packer

William Taylor

George Phipps

Andrew Gale

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That friends on the other side of the Bridge proceed to finish the Meeting house they are about on that side of the Bridge,⁷ & that the chardge therof bee defrayed by the Publique. Provided that it bee noe obstruction to the building of a Publique Meeting house on this side of the Bridge, according as is already ordred to bee defrayed on the Publique chardge alsoe.

30th 10th Month [December] 1667

George Bishope is desired to speak with John Cole concerning the Wid. Walkars son Joseph's being an apprentice to him, & to give an account to this Meeting how hee finds him disposed therunto.

That the Paper concerning Henry Pritchard wrot fayre by George Bishope, & brought to this Meeting bee deferrd from publication, & subscription till the next Meeting, & that Charles Jones, & William Taylard, or any other friends that find freedom in the meantime speak with him if hee shall bee in Towne, & give him notice; that, if hee owne not before friends condemnation on his miscarriages, the next meeting of Men friends they intend to finish it, & to have it read in the Meeting.

13th 11th Month [January] 1667

Thomas Speed, W. Yeamans, & W. Rogers are desired to speak with W. White Serjeant concerning his son William, whom hee hath lately turnd out of doores because of his Conscience, & with Robert Godfry concerning the takeing the sayd William the Younger, & perfecting him in writeing, & arathmatick in which hee was initiated by Abraham Vines his late master whoe is lately deceased. And that they endeavour to persuade his sayd father into tenderness towards him and a condiscention to doe that which is reasonable, touching the future wellbeing of his child; & that they give friends to understand at the next Meeting how they find the sayd William White the father, & Robert Godfry disposed in the thing; to the end that they may the further consider what is fit for them to doe therin.

W. Taylard haveing declared to the Meeting that Charles Jones, & himselfe haveing spoken with Henry Pritchard in pursueance of their desire the last Meeting to speak with him in order to his miscarriages, if soe bee hee might bee made sensible, & soe the Declaration of Friends concerning his late marriage might not goe

⁷ Friends' meeting house in Temple Street is marked on the Donne Maps of Bristol of 1773 and 1826.

forth; & haveing signified to friends that notwithstanding all [p. 4] their Endeavours soe to convince him, hee remained the same man standing in opposition to friends, & the justification of his miscarriages; It is thought meet by Friends that on the next Sixth Day at the publique Meeting the Declaration of friends (which is in the words following) against that his sayd marriage, & the evill president therof bee read, together with the Paper of acknowledgment signed by certaine friends whoe were at his sayd marriage; & that Thomas Callowhill bee desired to read it. And that a copy of the sayd Declaration, & the hands therunto subscribed bee sent to Friends at Oulstone to bee read at their Meeting as they shall think fit.

Wheras Hen. Pritchard came to friends at the Mens Meeting desiring to bee married to Mary Smith, (late of Oldstone Meeting in the County of Gloucester) in the way of friends, & Friends therupon in the prosecution of the matter, upon the testimony of Friends had face to face before him, finding him upon sufficient prooffe, to bee not only of a bad conversation; as, too much given to drinking; breaking of his promise; lying (having denyed his owne brother) but seeking severall, besides the sayd Mary, for his wife; & some of them within the time that hee sought the sayd Mary; (as by his owne words did appear) & sometimes makeing use of the Name of the Lord therin. Besides diverse unkindnesses, & ill useadge to his late wife (a sober friend, with whom hee had a considerable estate as to the outward, in reference unto him) to her great discouragement & greife of heart, (as by words out of her owne mouth before her death, did appear) the sayd Mary, & himselfe being both present; with severall other miscarriages then proved before him, too long to mention, & which wee think fit at this time to pass over with silence, & soe to pretermitt; And wheras upon the whole of this matter; & his bad, & unruly carriage, & continueall denyalls of what was proved to his face; Friends at the Meeting with one consent, not one contradicting but all joyning together, one by one giveing their Judgment, did declare to him, & the sayd Mary in the presence of the witnesses; That the testimony given against him they did beleive; That they were not satisfied with his denyalls, & answers; & for that cause could not consent to, nor approve of his marriage as then it stood, unless hee judged himselfe & soe became sensible of his miscarriages, bowing to that of God in him, which judged, & would judge such miscarriages as it was waited upon, & suffred to judge; which when it should soe appear, friends declared their readiness then to proceed further to doe in answer to his desire what to them appertayned; or should seem meet; till which, they gave him their advice to forbear marrying with the sayd Mary; & that if hee should marry her, ere such conviction was they should disowne it.

Now forasmuch as the sayd Hen. Pritchard, notwithstanding all this friendly advice for his good, & brotherly dealing, hath got

together severall friends, & others, & by lyes, & false suggestions perswaded some, & enticed others into a compliance with his desires (several of whom [p. 4a] being convinced of their surprizeall & error in that particular have subscribed their hands to a Paper acknowledging accordingly) & soe hath taken the sayd Mary to bee his wife; These are therfore to testefy unto all friends to whom these presents shall come That wee of the Mens Meeting aforesayd for the welordering of things amongst us for the service of Trueth, doe disowne the sayd marriage, as not being done in the Trueth, but in, & by a lye; as alsoe the manner of the doing of it; & the coming together of those whoe were present therat; as a breach of good order, & doe desire all friends of Trueth to take notice therof. Bristoll, this 13th 11th Month 1667.⁸

10th 12th Month [February] 1667

W. Rogers, & W. Yeamans haveing spoken to W. White serjeant concerning his son, & hee seeming resolute in keeping him out of his house & not takeing care to look after him: George Bishope is desired to speak with Abraham Vines his late servant about his son, if soe bee hee bee willing to perfect him in writeing (& with Thomas Taylar alsoe if the former shall bee unwilling) concerning the perfecting him in writeing & arethmetick; & give an account to the meeting how he finds them therin; to the end friends may consider [what] further is to bee done for him, who was soe turned out because of his conscience, by his father, & that in the meantime W. Maynard bee desired to let him have diet with him, for which friends will consider to satisfy him.

24th 12th Month [February] 1667

Thomas Bisse, & Edw. Martingdale are desired to perfect the lyst of subscriptions towards the chardge of the service of Trueth; & to deliver the papers when they have done to the Meeting or such are appointed receivers for the same.

Friends, being not satisfied with Benjamin Maynards taken to wife Ann⁹ in the publike Meetinghouse without acquainting the Meeting of friends, & haveing their approbation as to the publication therof first, & being informed that several friends were greived with his soe takeing her, which was alsoe without any publication of that his intent beforehand, as is right & meet, & the order of Friends, to the intent, that upon such publike notice, if any have ought theragainst they may have opportunity to acquaint friends. Least this alsoe should bee a president to others as hath been the case of Hen. Pritchard, they doe think fit, that their testimony against his soe marrying be adjoynd to that against Hen. Pritchards, & that it bee read in the publike Meeting with that of Hen. Pritchards.

⁸ See also the volume C.1842 C.3 [98]; B.A.O., SF/A7/3, 10-11.

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9th 1st Month [March] 1667/8

John Jones, Mason, & Mary Corbet servant to William Rogers presenting their desires to bee married in the way of friends & in order therunto that publication bee made of such their desires in the publike Meeting, Friends being satisfied with such their coming together, gave their consent thereunto.

Ordred, That for the future all such persons as present their desires of marriage in the way of Friends, with whom friends are satisfied, bee registred; as above.

23d 1st Month [March] 1667/8

John Crouch being spoken to aboute perfecting William White the Younger in writeing, & arethmattick; & he demaunding 7 li. in mony, or 20/s. a quarter, friends are inclined to the lat[t]er, & doe desire Geo. Bishope to speak with him therabouts.

Thomas Gouldney is desired to speak with some Women friends about Sarah Graves Widdow, whoe is sayd to bee in great poverty; & to desire the Women at their Meeting to enquire into her condition & to signify to this Meeting at their next coming together what they think fit for this Meeting to doe in her particular.

6th of 2d month [April] 1668

Ordered 1. That six pounds bee paid unto the women freinds out of the publicke stocke for the use of Sarah Graves widow, it beinge so ordered on the presentment of her condition by Bethshua Speed, Ann Jones, & Mary North who were apointed at the womens meeting to inspect the necessities of her condition.

2. That John Dowell bee desired to lend unto Ellinor Holder the summ of fiteene pounds to supply her present urginge necessities, which summ this meeting doe hold themselves oblidged to discharge and to reimburse the said John Dowell within the space of twenty days.

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6th 2 month [April] 1668

Friends doe assent that Thomas Jefery of Cleven belonginge unto Nalzy meeting & Hannah Pitt of this Citty doe cause their intention of mariage to bee publish't in our publicke meetinge, they havinge both presented themselves to freinds & desired ye same.

Ordered that thirty six shillings bee paid unto Wm. Minar out of the publicke stocke for keepinge William White the son of Wm. White sergent.

20th 2d Month [April] 1668

It is agreed that for the time that William White hath been dieted, & lodg'd at William Minors, the summe of fourty shillings bee payd to William Minor; & that if Margret Thomas will diet, & lodge him, & wash, & mend his cloath's, friends are content that

shee shall receive three shillings per week; the former order for 36/s. being included in this summe of fourty shillings for William Minor.

John Wear is to be payd the four shillings & 6d. for books sent into Wales for the use of friends.

4th 3d Month [May] 1668

Margret Thomas being spoken to by George Bishope concerning the tabling of William White, & shee accepting of the summe proposed by friends in the former Meeting of three shillings by the week, Friends are content the sayd summe shall bee payd to her dureing the time that the sayd William shall bee tabled with her, by their consent.

Friends haveing taken into consideration Thomas Goodaires letters from Warwick concerning Samuells Mansiles condition, of Worcestershire, (whoe being poor, & haveing a great family, & in debt 40 li. to help to answer to his creditors for which friends have been desired to contribute) Friends are willing to contribute the summe of five Pounds to the sayd Samuell towards the releife of him, & his family, but as to the matter of his debt, & contributeing therunto, they have noe freedome, & that William Rogers, & George Bishope doe write a letter to Thomas Goodaire, signifying their minds & intents therein.

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17th 3d Month [May] 1668

1st 4th Month [June] 1668

15th 4th Month [June] 1668

Thomas Speed haveing the last meeting day presented to Friends his intention to take Ann Sherman to wife, & his desire to proceed regularly in the way of Friends therein; & friends haveing appointed some amongst themselves to speak with her, shee being unknowne to most of them both as to her purson, & principle in relation unto Truth; & being soe farr satisfied with the account given them of her therupon as to suffer the thing to bee done amongst them as in the way of friends, gave their consents that hee might soe doe, as hee should think fit, haveing declared their Judgment, that they were soe satisfied with the account given of her answers to such questions as were put to her as aforesayd, that they could suffer, or let the thing to bee done amongst them.

William Taylard haveing mentioned his desire to rent the herbage of the Buriall place in Redcliff street. It is let to him for three yeares next to come at the rent of 30/s. a year to begining on the 24th Instant.

John Prickett & Jone Williams mentioning their desire of marriage in the way of Friends are alsoe admitted soe to doe as they shall think fit.

Ordred that the summe of fourty shillings bee given to John Verrick the younger of Bedminster towards the releife of his family, (it being informed that hee is very poor) & the helping of him in his trade which is a Blacksmith, in which it is sayd hee wants encouragement, & that John Hunt, & William Britten doe manage the mony for him as they shall think fit.

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30th¹⁰ 4th Month [June] 1668

Richard Lindy haveing delivered a Paper to the Meeting wherin hee hath publicquely owned before them, judgment upon his miscarriages in being often overtaken with drinking, or being drunk; which is in the words following, they are soe farr satisfied as to suffer his marriage with Sarah Mills to bee mentioned & done amongst them.

Friends

For the satisfaction of such amongst you as are concerned, these lines are given forth as a reall acknowledgment that I have walked contrary to the wayes of Trueth in by past times particularly in drinking too much, or being overcome with drink, which sinn hath reflected upon mee as a very heavy burden, as well in mine owne particular as from any without, & the sence therof have been, & is an affliction of spirit, & a sore wounding, as well as a future warning, which I desire with you may seem sufficient, for they have been, & are my affliction haveing in myselfe deeper sence of my miswalkings, then you by evidence can lay to my chardge; which I openly confess, & that through Judgment theron I am brought in measure to a more watchfulness, & therfore let this my acknowledgment find acceptance with you, & let it render satisfaction unto such as have not been satisfied herein, for which cause, and for that the name of the Lord, & his blessed Trueth hath been blasphemmed by reason of my miscarriages since I have been convinced, which I am willing in this way what in mee lyes to redeem, & take the shame on myselfe for transgressing; as the judgment I have thus written; & doe hereby make publique amongst you, that others alsoe whoe by my example might have been led to the same excess¹¹ may hear, & fear & doe noe more soe wickedly.¹²

13th 5th Month [July] 1668

Thomas Hethcote haveing mentioned his desire to bee Married to Jane Weale in the way of Friends, & Jane Weale signifying her desire for the same; & friends haveing received satisfaction as to his sence of his miscarriages formerly in Virginia, by which the name of the Lord hath been blasphemmed, & Trueth hurt & the friends therof, & many stumbled; & as to his being chainged, or a

¹⁰ Error for 29th.

¹¹ of Ryott *has been deleted*.

¹² See also the volume C.1842 C.3 [98]; B.A.O., SF/A7/3, 14-15.

reformed man, have given liberty for the mentioning their intention of marriage among friends, & the finishing of the same.

[p. 7] 27th 5th Month [July] 1668

10th 6th Month [August] 1668

Ordred That consideration bee had the next meeting of the 15 li. layd downe by John Dowell at the desire of the Meeting for the Widdow Holder, soe that it may be satisfied.

24th 6th Month [August] 1668

Andrew Gale proposing his intent to marry Ann the Daughter of Richard Long of Bedminster, & desireing it may bee done in the way, & order that is among friends, Friends are satisfied, & consent that hee make publication therof in the publike Meeting, & that he finish his marriage as it is among Friends.

7th 7th Month [September] 1668

Upon the publication of the intention of Marriage aforesaid between Andrew Gale & Ann the daughter of Richard Long of Bedminster in the Meeting, ther being a report that one Joan Jones formerly servant to Daniell Wastfeild hath some pretence of marriage with the sayd Andrew, Friends have thought fit that a stop bee put to the marriage of the sayd Andrew and Ann, till they have informed themselves concerning that matter. And wheras they understand that shee lately lived at London, William Ford, & Griffith Lascomb are desired to make enquiry wher shee lives; & George Bishope is desired to write a few lines to some friend in the Ministry at London (if shee bee ther) to speak with her concerning this matter; untill which, & that friends are satisfied, Friends doe hereby put a stopp to the marriage of Andrew & Ann as aforesaid, & Andrew Gale being present, hath declared his consent therunto, & Thomas Lewis is desired to acquaint Richard Long, & his daughter Ann, herewith.

John Foster tendring his desire to bee married in the way of Friends to Elizabeth Drady: friends being satisfied therwith doe admit that publication therof in the Meeting, when & as they shall think fit, & that their marriage bee finished, as it is used to bee among Friends.

[p. 7a] 21st 7th Month [September] 1668

Upon writeing to Josiah Cole at London concerning Joan Jones aforesaid, & his letter therupon signifying that shee continues her claimes to Andrew Gale as her husband, Friends are not satisfied to admit his marriage with the sayd Ann aforesaid, of which they thought fit, & at this instant gave him notice; & Henry Comely is desired to aquaint Richard Long, & his daughter Ann therwith.

Simon Tovy tendring to Friends the lodgings under the Meeting

house, not yet let to Friends, & Friends takeing it into their consideration, that it is convainient that those lodgings bee in the disposeall of Friends, have agreed to give him 3 li. 10/s. a year for those lodgings, which hee consented unto, & that the lease for the meeting house, and that bee drawn together.

19th 8th Month [October] 1668

Daniell Edwards, late servant to William Fry lately deceased, signifying his desire to bee married to Joan Ford, sister to Sarah widdow to the said William, in the way of friends; & shee being present signifying the same, & nothing appearing wherfore they should bee barr'd therin; have liberty to publish it at the publique Meeting either before or after the next Mens Meeting, as they shall think fit; if they hear nothing from friends in the meantime to the contrary, Friends haveing signified their mind that they rather inclined they should stay the publication till after the next Meeting.

William Ford & Charles Harvord are desired to give the Porter of the Pitty gate 5/s. a quarter for his paynes & love in opening the Gate to Friends as they goe to & againe to the Meeting on the first Dayes of the week.¹³

the 2th of the 9th month [November] 1668

It being signified to the meeting, the accation of renewing publique stock, the meeting thought meet a collection should be forwarded; Yet by Reason few persons being present, this meting deferrs the farther consideration of it untill the next.

[p. 8] 2. of 9th moneth [November] 1668

Paul Moone of this citty Currier & Priscilla Welsh, servant to Miles Dixon, haveing manifested their desires of being joyned together in marriage in the order of freindes were by the approbacion & consent of freindes permitted so to doe, & in order thereunto to cause publication thereof to bee made in the meeting.

30th of 9th moneth [November] 1668

Richard Wood and Ruth Brocke having manifested their desires of being joyned together in marriage in the way of freindes, were by the approbacion & consent of freinds permitted so to doe, & in order thereunto, to publish the same in the publicke meeting of freinds.

Thomas Lewis of Bedminster Weaver & Katharine Phillips, servant to Thomas Speed, having manifested their desires of being joyned together in marriage accordinge to the order of freinds, were by the approbacion and consent of freinds permitted

¹³ The most convenient access from the city to the meeting house in Broadmead would be through Pithay gate. A minute of 27 Oct. 1673 (below) records similar payment to the porter of Newgate, after Friends had removed to the Friars and given up the Broadmead house.

to cause the same to bee published in the publicke meetinge of freinds in order to their joyning together as aforesaid.

It is agreed that a publique meetinge be henceforth kept in the meetinge house over the bridge¹⁴ on each first day of the weeke, to begin att the 10th houre in the mourninge.

It is agreed that Peter Hawkins may have releife from freinds for the cure of his wife, (who is now distracted), and that it bee referr'd to Charles Harford, Jno. Love, Nicho: & John Hort, to contribute from tyme to tyme for her reliefe such sommes of mony as the necessity of the case shall, in their judgements, require.

14th of 10th month [December] 1668

Nathaniell Day is desired to take some other freind with him & visit the family of John Hunt late of Bedminster deceased, & to acquaint ye eldest daughter that they come att the request of freinds to know how the state of the family lyes, and that freinds wilbee ready to advise and assist them in any thinge needfull and expedient.

Charles Harford, John Dowell & William Rogers are desired to take the care of lettinge the voyd roomes belonging to the meeting-house in Broadmead unto such freinds as they shall judge worthy, and also to take care, (together with such freinds as made the agreement with Symon Tovy for ye meetingehouse) that the lease for said meeting house & the roomes thereunto belonginge, bee perfected and sealed with all expedition; & that the lease bee made to these following persons, viz: Dennis Hollister, Thomas Gouldeny, Thomas Speed, Wm. Yeamans, Richard Marsh, Thomas Bisse, Charles Jones, Charles Harford, Miles Dixon, Jno. Love, Wm. Taylor, Edward Martindale, Nathaniell Day, Wm. Ford, Thomas Callohill, Jno. Dowell, Theophilus Newton & Wm. Rogers.

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14th 10th month [December] 1668

It is agreed that a lease for the meetinge house over the Bridge bee sealed to the same persones mencioned to bee inserted in the lease for the meetinge house in Broadmead.

The 28th of 10th month [December] 1668

Henry Langford of this citty Weaver and Elizabeth Britton the daughter of William Britton of this citty currurgion haveing manifested unto the meeting their desires of takeing each other to husband & wife; wear by the consent & aprobation of the meeting permitted to cause their intentions of joyning togeather in mariage to be published in the publique meeting house of friends.

John Dowell and William Rogers are ordered to inspect the condition of William White, and at the cost of friends to provide for him as they shall judge meet.

¹⁴ Temple Street.

8th of 12 month [February] 1668

Richard Meers, havinge proposed to freinds his intention of taking Deborah Wickham (servant to Thomas Speed) to wife, had not the approbacion of freinds; butt was dismissed, for that freinds thought it not convenient to concern themselves therein untill they were satisfied that shee was free from her service, or had the consent of her master.

Freinds, havinge received from William Bateman and other freinds & brethren att Haverforwest, advice touching ye lewd conversacion of Edmond Wms. Shoomaker now in this citty, did thereupon concerne themselves to speake with the said Edmond, who confessed to the truth of freinds advice from Haverfordwest, & havinge admonished him did order his cominge hither the next meetinge in hopes to receive some indicacion of his reall & true repentance.

William Davis of this citty weaver havinge¹⁵ manifested to this meetinge his desire of taking Mary Perry widow to wife, and though no freind had ought to object against itt yet approbacion thereof was deferred untill next meeting.

The 22d of the 12th Month [February] 1668

Willyam Davis & Mary Perin being both present in this meeting, & after inquiry made into the matter of there [their] mariage; & nothing appearing against the same, they had the consent of the meeting, for the publication of there said intention of mariage; in the Freinds Meeting.

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The 22th day of the 12th Month [February] 1668

A letter from John Toppin Scholmaster being read in the meeting signifying his willingnes to come to this citty to teach schoole in order to the request of some friends to him in that behalfe, upon such termes & conditions for wages as friends should judge meete; it is ordered that he shall have ten pounds per annum allowed him out of the publique stock, in consideration whereof he is to teach soe many of poore children as shall be thought convenient by this meeting, & that other things that may [be] necessary to be done herin are deferred to [be] further considered the next meeting.¹⁶

the 8th of ye first month [March] 1668/9

Charles Jones & William Ford are desired to speake with John Higingbottome of Bidmister and desire him to forbear the 10 li. due to him from Edward Payne, butt if they cannot prevayle on ye said Higingbottom to forbear the same for three or 6 moneths without security then if they doe promise him securitie this Meting will save the said Charles Jones & William Ford therefrom.

¹⁵ havinge *has been deleted*.

¹⁶ Tanner, *Three lectures*, 123; *SPQ* 530.

Also ordered that for a present suply of the said Edward Payne (to buy corne with) Wm. Ford & Charles Harford is to lend him five pounnds out of the publique stock.

The 22 of ye First month [March] 1668/9

Wheras some considerations have been formerly had in this meeting in order to John Toppin his comeing into this citty to teach schoole, Towards his encouragement therto friends have then ordered that he should have Ten pounds allowed him for one yeare out of the publiq stock; for the which he was to teach such poore friends children as should by this meeting be thought meet. It is concluded that for the present he shall be allowed to teach in this roome; provided that he be carefull to have it made cleane, & ready for meetings every weeke; and such other services of truth as occation may require.

The 19th day of 2d Month [April] 1669

John Laney & Joan Morris, haveing laid before friends there intentions of joineing together in mariage, & desireing the consent of the meeting for publishing the same in the meeting; and friends not being fully satisfied concerning John, he being a stranger to most part of the meeting; it is left to Dennis Hollister, Tho. Gouldney, Myles Dickson & Willyam Ford (in respect of his urgent occation of going to sea suddenly) to make inspection into the thing; and if they do receive satisfaction in it; to give order that it may be published; before the next mans meeting.

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3d of 3d month [May] 1669

John Lany of Bristoll Marriner, & Joane Morris of the same citty servant to William Yeamans were by the approbacion & consent of freinds permitted to cause their intentions of mariage in the way of freinds to bee publisht in our publicke meetingehouse, for that there did appeare no reasonable cause why the same should bee longer deferd.

It is ordered that William Ford and William Taylor doe suply Jno. Verrick of Bedminster with what some of mony they shall thinke his necessity shall require for the better carrying on of his trade to his more comfortable being & livelyhood.

17th of 3d month [May] 1669

Roger Hollard of Bristoll Marriner, and Joane Hilsly of the same place widow, havinge heretofore att the mens meetinge manifested their desire of taking each other to husband & wife, were by the consent of freinds permitted to cause their intentions of marriage in the way of freindes to bee publisht in the publick meeting house, no reasonable cause appearinge why the same should bee longer defer'd.

31th of 3d month [May] 1669

It is desired that freinds present at this meetinge doe signify to as many freinds as they may thinke meet, to bee present the next meeting in order to the concludinge on a collection, for the reimbursinge London freinds, part of what they have been out of purse for the service of truth beyond the seas, it havinge been long defer'd for want of a full meeting.

Whereas on the 2d day of the 10th mo. 1667: freinds did order the contractinge for, buildinge and finishinge a large meetinge house on this side of the bridge, freindes doe now againe confirme every part of the said order, and doe desire that those that are nominated for the accomplishinge thereof may effectually meet aboute itt very speedily.

14th of 4th month [June] 1669

Phillip Popleston, and Elizabeth Mugford, this day presented to freinds their desires of joyning together in marriage in the way of freinds, approbacion thereof was deferd untill freinds should further consider the matter.

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14th 4 month [June] 1669

Freinds doe order the present & future keepers of the publick stock with the advice of some other good freinds to disburse out of the publick stock from time to tyme unto freinds that travell up & downe in the service of truth accordinge as shall to them seeme expedient without charginge the account of publique stock otherwise than thus: viz. To so much disburst with the assent of A B. for the service of truth.¹⁷

28th of 4th month [June] 1669

Phillip Poplestone and Elizabeth Mugford, having heretofore manifested unto freinds their desires of takinge each other to husband and wife, were this day permitted to publish such their intentions in the way of freinds in the publicke meeting house on next sixth day, and are desired to forbear comeinge together untill the next mens meeting on this day fortnight bee past.

Charles Jones and Erasmus Dole are desired to collect from freinds on the other side of the bridge, and William Yeamans and William Rogers on this side the bridge such summs of mony as according to the openesse of their hearts, they shalbee free to contribute for the propagatinge of truth beyond the seas.

Samuell Hollister, and Mary West this day manifested their desires to freinds of joyninge together in mariage in the way of freinds, approbacion thereof was refer'd to freinds further consideracion.

¹⁷ SPQ 361.

12th of 5th month [July] 1669

Samuell Hollister & Mary West have formerly laid their buisness before Friends in relation to their marriage; Friends gave their consent for them to have it published in the meettinge as their conveniance should bee.

9th of 6th month [August] 1669

Richard Mearse of Bristoll Pewterer, and Deborah Wickham of Bristoll, havinge heretofore proposed unto freinds their desires of takinge each other to husband & wife, were this day permitted to publish such their intentions in the way of freinds in the publicke meetinge house on next sixth day, & are desired to forbear comeinge together untill the next mens meetinge be past.

It is ordered that Robert Gibbons bee paid out of the publick stocke three pounds tenn in consideracion of a horse.¹⁸

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the 6th The 6th of the seventh moneth [September] 1669

Friends, takeing notice that the record of burialls hath not been duely kept, hath ordered that notice be given to Thomas Bows to meet with friends at our next meeting in order to advice him to keepe an accowmpt of the buryalls for time to come, and to bring or send in the same every fortnight to thes meeting.

¹⁹Tho. Bowes appeared the 20th 7 month, & was ordered to keep account of buryalls.

20th of 7 month [September] 1669

[*Entry crossed through:*] It is ordered that the paper brought in by John Hyly condemninge his marriage by the preist bee copyed out and sent to the Preist as a testimony against him, & that his wive's hand bee sett to it.²⁰ ²¹which was don.

Mary Haggatt, a kinswoman of John Haggatts beinge, as freinds are informed, aboute to marry with a man of the world, is to bee spoken withall by William Yeamans, Jer. Hignel²² & Nathaniell Day touchinge it, that so an account of the truth of such report may bee signifyed unto freinds the next meetinge.

²¹she hath been admonished.

Francis Rogers & Wm. Rogers beinge free to speake with Henry Roe touchinge many things that are reported of him that are contrary to truth, are ordered to give an account thereof the next meetinge: Viz. to enquire,

¹⁸ Probably for the use of travelling ministers.

¹⁹ Added later.

²⁰ John Hiley, whittawer was married to Elizabeth—by Thomas Wotten, priest of Marstow, 30 May 1669; see the volume C.1842 C.3 [98]; B.A.O., SF/A7/3, 8.

²¹ Added later.

²² The name of Thomas Gouldney, interlineated here, has been deleted.

- 1st concerninge the marriage of his son, & wt. acco. hee gave of his sonn, whether hee any way promoted itt.
- 2 Whether he was not capable to divert his son from subpaenaing all friends as well as G. F. [George Fox].
- 3 Whether Hee & his wife was not amidst of all the strife in Wiltshere with his son.
- 4 Who was the instrument of throwinge ye old woman in prison.
- 5 Whether hee was assenting to his daughters mariage by the preist.

Dennis Hollister & Charles Harford being free to speake with Thomas Tayer & Betty Pope concerninge their mariage out of the unity of freinds are orderd to give account thereof next meetinge.
[In margin:] admonished 1.

²¹Tho. Callahill to speake with D Holesters maid.

[p. 11] 20th of 7th month [September] 1669

Its ordered that a booke bee prepared against the next meetinge on purpose to receive those papers of condemnacion, that are brought in for disorderly walkinge & practices. The care of which is comitted unto Charles Harvord.²³

Joseph Moore and Izrael Bird being free to speake with Wm. Jones mason concerning his mariage by the preist are desired to give an account thereof next meeting.

²¹admonished.

John Ware & Thomas Watkins being free to speak with Andrew Gale & his wife concerninge their marriage with a preist & swearinge are ordered to give an account thereof next meetinge.

²¹admonished.

[In margin:] to goe a second time.

It is agreed in the unity of freinds that all professing the truth, who have or shalbee guilty of any disorderly walkinge by which the name of the Lord comes to bee dishonour'd, shalbee by a perticular paper for every such disorderly walkinge, condemn'd publicly by freinds; if so bee they who are or may bee concern'd shall refuse after foure or five exhortacions & admonitions, accordinge to the good order of the gosple, to give forth a publick testimony, under their hands by which such particular disorderly practices shalbee judged & condemned.²⁴

²³ The volume "Letters of contrition, etc., from 1669 to 1691" C.1842 C.3 [98]; B.A.O., SF/A7/3 begins with a document of 27 September 1669; of the eleven letters of contrition, six own to marriage by the priest.

²⁴ This minute also appears at the beginning of the volume "Records of dealings with delinquents, from 20th of 7th month 1669 to 1765", C.1842 C.2 [96]; B.A.O., SF/A7/2. That volume includes minutes up to 15 Nov. 1669 covering matters dealt with in the Men's Meeting minutes.

Miles Dixon and Erasmus Dole being free to speak with Mathew Warren and his wife concerning their marriage by a preist, are ordered to give an account the next meetinge, & likewise to speake with Jonathan Arnold touchinge his beinge present att their marriage.

²⁵once admonisht.

[*Crossed through:*] Theophilus Newton & Tho. Brown beinge free to speake unto Hester West, concerninge her marriage by a preist, and to a man of the world, are ordered to give an account thereof next meetinge.

²⁵admonished once and some tenderness in her.

4th of 8 month a paper of condemnation was brought in & ordered to be recorded.²⁶

John Love and Nathaniell Day being free to speake unto Ann Payne concerninge her marriage by a preist to a man of the world, are ordered to give an account thereof next meetinge.

²⁵admonished once & some tenderness.

[p. 11a] 20th 7 month [September] 1669

Charles Jones & Thomas Watkins are ordered to enquire concerninge Robert Shaws cariage toward his wife & to know whether they live orderly as becomes man and wife in truth.

²⁵an account thereof once given.

[*Crossed through:*] David Symons and Joseph More being free to speake unto Thomas, Richard Lyndyes kinsman, concerninge his marriage by a preist unto Rendal Keyrs servant, both professinge truth, are ordered to give an account next meetinge.

²⁵Spoaken with once. Spoken with againe.

15 of 9 month received a paper of condemnation from Marie Lorckum.²⁷

Griffith Lascombe & John Hort, beinge free to speake unto John Foster & his wife concerning their goinge to the Baptist meetinge, are orderd to give an account thereof next meetinge.

²⁵Spoaken with once & againe.

David Simons and John Prickett & Tho. Salthows, Ed. Martin-gall beinge free to speake unto Sarah Wilkinson concerninge her marriage by a preist, are desired to give an account to next meetinge.

²⁸Spoaken with once. David Simons undertakes to send the originall paper of condemnacion given forth by Sarah Wilkinson & her husband to the preist.²⁹

²⁵ Added later.

²⁶ C.1842 C.3 [98]; B.A.O., SF/A7/3, 7.

²⁷ C.1842 C.3 [98]; B.A.O., SF/A7/3, 15.

²⁸ Added later.

²⁹ Thomas Huxon (Huson) married Sarah Wilkinson by the priest. For their paper of contrition, 12 Oct. 1669, see C.1842, C.3 [98]; B.A.O., SF/A7/3, 9.

the 29th of the 7th moneth [September] 1669

A paper is to be sent to Virginia from Friends to condemne the reported miscariages of diverse Friendes there, that soe the reproach thereof may be the better cleared off friends, and is defered for the next meeting to apoynt some friends to prepare such a paper.

²⁸4th 8 month. Wm. Rogers is desired to draw up a paper, & to write to freinds in Virginia to certify any miscariages.³⁰

That care be taken of such young men that have served out their aprenticshipp and cannot have their freedom for that they cannot for Conscience sake take an Oath: that their conditions be lookt into and they be incoradged as opertunity shall present from this meeting.

²⁸4th 8 month. Dennis Hollister, Thomas Gouldeny, Wm. Taylor, Wm. Ford, Francis & Wm. Rogers are desired to bee assistinge in their advice & otherwise to the young men concern'd as abovesaid.

John Weare and James Sturge and Thomas Watkins being free to speake with John Brooke consarning his playing cards & drinking more then is meete at Warminster & other miscariages are ordered to give an accowmpt thereof at the next meeting.

²⁸J.B. was spoken with and confest his disorderly cariages & promised to consider about his giving forth a paper of condemnation.

²⁸18th of 8 month John Moore with Thomas Watkins are free to visit him once more.

²⁸15th of 9 month 1669 Jo. Mone, Fra. Rogers & Cha. Harford are deseired to speake with John Brooke to come to the next mens meeting.

[p. 12] the 29th of ye 7th Month [September] 1669

William Foord & William Taylard being free to speake unto Joan Farmer Concerning her mariage are ordered to give an accowmpt thereof at the next meeting.

²⁸Once spoken with, referd to W.F. & W.T. to speak againe.

John Weare, George Phips & David Symonds being free to speake with Samuell Dowle about his walkeing disorderly and forsakeing the truth are ordered to give an accowmpt thereof at the next meeting.

²⁸Once spoken with, & ye same persons free to speake with him againe.

[*Crossed through:*] Frances Roggers undertakes (with his Brother William) to write to Thomas Neate & some other friends in Wiltshire in order to a farther discovery of passages of Henry Row in the marriage of his sonn John.³¹ ²⁸Accordingly done.

³⁰ Letter to Friends in Virginia and Maryland, dated 28 Oct. 1669, signed by Dennis Hollister, Thomas Gouldeny, Francis Rogers, Wm. Rogers, Thomas Biss. Copy in C.1842 C.6 [105]; B.A.O., SF/A7/8, xlv.

³¹ Copy of letter, dated 6 Oct. 1669, by William Rogers, *ibid*, xlvi.

William Rogers and William Yeamans are to serch out the truth of what Nathaniell Day reports, (viz.) that Ann Ganeclift informes him that Mary Didicate did say to her that her husband fownd soe much dificalty in the bringing about the marriage of his former daughter that he was not willing this his daughter (lately maryed to Thomas Taylor) shold come amongst them, and moreover said to this purpose she wold not make them hipocrits to perswade them to it.³²

³³13th of 8th month. The substance of the above report by Nathaniell Day is by Ann Ganeclift confest to bee truth.

4th of 8 month [October] 1669

[*Crossed through.*] Tis agreed that a letter bee written unto some freinds att Tewxbury to desire informacion from them who that person is, who is an eminent freind in Bristoll, who was maryed to one of the world & that by the aprobacion of this meetinge. Dennis Hollister & Thomas Gouldeny are desired to take the care of writing said letter, and that therein bee enclosed copy of the generall paper given forth by friends as a testimony against disorderly mariages &c.

³³Don accordingly.

Tis ordered that the generall papers given forth by freinds against disorderly mariages &c. bee read in the publick meeting houses on a first day, viz. by Dennis Hollister on this side the Bridge, and William Taylor on the other side of bridge.

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4th 8 month [October] 1669

[*Crossed through.*] Freinds, beinge informed that Isaac Partridge is aboute to joyne in marriage unto one of the world, doe desire William Lane and Tho. Callohill to enquire into the truth thereof and admonish him.

³³Which they did, and he acknowledges such thing was intended, but is now cleare of againe & publick discharge of each other hath been some tyme since.

William Lane and John Hort are desired to speak with John Gregory concerninge his marriage by the preist.

Tis ordered that for the future, the names of every freind present at every mens meetinge bee recorded in this book.

³³13th of 8th month. Or upon a file.

[*Crossed through.*] Tis desired that Geo. Phips the next meeting bee spoken withall touchinge his conversacion, for that some are doubtful that hee discovers to people of the world the concernments relating to truth managed in this meeting.

³² *The words following have been deleted:* and Tho: Goldney added to them to Efect it.

³³ Added later.

[p. 13] The 13th of the 8th month [October] 1669

Christopher Butler a gardner & frances³⁴ late a servant of John Crump being lately married by a priest, and they excuseing themselves for being soe married, saying they proposed their marriage to Friends but Friends put them off[f]. Now Friends remembering nothing of any such proposall have ordered Joseph Moore & John Moone³⁵ to serch out the truth thereof & give an accowmpt next meeting.

³⁶A paper of condemnacion³⁷ was given in which is ordered to bee sent to the preist. Jno. Moone & Joseph Moore take the care of sendinge it.

18o 8th month [October] 1669

[*Crossed through.*] Tis referred to John Moone to speake with Elizabeth Bull touching a paper of condemnacion which shee hath declared her selfe ready to give forth against her mariage by a preist.

³⁶A paper of condemnacion from [her was] brought in the 28th of 8th month 1669.³⁸

Tis referred to Jno. Moon and Tho. Pearce to take care that a copy of the paper of condemnacion be sent into Wiltshier.

Thomas Bayly,³⁹ David Symons, & John Ware are free to speake with John Clarke worsted comber concerning his marriage by the preist & are desired to give an account thereof the next meetinge.

³⁶Once spoken with & the same persons undertake to go againe.

David Symons & Jno. Ware undertakes to speake with Richard Towne concerning his marriage with a preist & to give an account thereof next meetinge.

³⁶Once spoken with and the same persons undertake to speake with him againe.

Charles Jones, & Miles Dixon are desired to take the care of speakeing unto Jonathan Arnold & his wife concerning their neglect in cominge to meetinge & their drawinge off[f] in conversation from the way of truth.

³⁶Once spoken with, & confession made to the truth.

[p. 13a]

18th 8th month [October] 1669

[*Crossed through.*] Griffith Lascombe is desired to order Thomas Bowes to bee present the next meeting to bee treated withall concerning his overcharging the poore for makinge graves.

[*Crossed through.*] John Ware and John Moone are free to

³⁴ Blank left in the original.

³⁵ *The name of Thomas Watkins has been deleted.*

³⁶ Added later.

³⁷ C.1842 C.3 [98]; B.A.O., SF/A7/3, 9.

³⁸ C.1842 C.3 [98]; B.A.O., SF/A7/3, 12-14.

³⁹ Bayly written above Watkins.

speake with Bartholamew Crocker concerninge those thinges which David Symons hath to lay to his charge, & are desired to give an account thereof the next meetinge.

⁴⁰Spoken with and a paper of condemnacion brought in the 28th of 8th month 1669.⁴¹

George Fox and Margaret Fell hath this day proposed to this assembly of the people of the Lord their intentions of beinge joyned in the honourable marriage which in the power and presence of the Lord they have both declared to have arisen and to stand in the everlastinge seed, in the covenant of life which is from everlastinge to everlastinge. John Rowse & Margaret his wife, Thomas Lowre and Mary his wife, Issabell Yeamans and Rachell Fell, daughters of the said Margaret Fell, have all of them one by one not onely declared their free assent to said intended mariage butt also have for the most of them signified that they have had a sence that the thinge intended to bee accomlisht doth stand in the covenant of light and life, & therefore doe rejoice for that the accomplishment thereof draweth nigh.⁴²

[p. 14] 18th 8 month [October] 1669

[*Crossed through.*] John Love is desired to enquire touching James Wall, whether hee bee cleare from any engagements relatinge to mariage. That a certificate thereof may bee given him.

21th of 8th month [October] 1669

The women freinds att a mens meeting this day assented & agreed to take care that the births of freinds children may for the future bee brought to this meeting to ye entent that all births may bee duly kept.

Upon the proposall that freinds of this citty should take the care of Newengland sufferings, twas referd to the next meeting to nominate persons that should undertake that service, & also to undertake a correspondency to Newengland in order to the preservation of the record of sufferings for the future.

⁴⁰28th of 8 month t'was ordered that Thomas Speed, Thomas Gouldeny, Dennis Hollister and William Rogers doe undertake that service before menciond, who being then present assented thereto.⁴³

This day G.F. and M.F. made a second proposall of their inten-

⁴⁰ Added later.

⁴¹ C.1842 C.3 [98]; B.A.O., SF/A7/3, 16.

⁴² For the Fox-Fell marriage see Isabel Ross, *Margaret Fell*, (1949), 213-9; and *SPQ*, 263-4; Latimer, *17th Century* (1900), 351; *Jnl. F.H.S.* 8 (1911), 136; 9 (1912) 99-101; H.G. Crosfield, *Margaret Fox* (1913), 140, 254; Friends House Library, London, Portfolio 10.53; Bristol MSS.V. [137] B.A.O., SF/C1/1(a), 87-98.

⁴³ The three Friends last named sign copy of a letter on this subject, C.1842 C.6 [105]; B.A.O., SF/A7/8, xlvi-xlvii.

tions of mariage, with which freindes by many testimonyes manifested their unity.

⁴⁰On the 22th day, their intentions of mariage was publisht in our publick meetinge, by Dennis Hollister & on the 27th day of said month in the power and spirit of the Lord they were joyned together in the honourable mariage.

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28 of 8 month [October] 1669

Whereas diverse freinds of Wiltshier have written to freinds of this meeting touching a child placed with John Tiball of Calne, tis left with Dennis Hollister to deliver said letter to the women freindes at their next meeting to examine the buissines.

Whereas the building a large meeting house on Dennis Hollister his ground on the Fryars hath been this day largely debated, it is now refer'd to Morgan Watkin, Robert Withers, Gerard Roberts, Amor Stodart, Jno. Rouse, Thomas Louer & Thomas Briggs by all freinds now present to conclude and determine all the matters this day debated, & in perticular whether the meeting house shalbee built on D.H. his ground or elcewhere and said freinds are desired to meet aboute it on second day next att the eighth houre.

2d of 9th month [November] 1669

Accordinge to the trust reposed in Morgan Watkins, Robert Withers, Gerard Roberts, Amor Stodart, Jno. Rouse, Thomas Lower, and Thomas Briggs, to conclude of the place where a large meetinge house shalbe built, they doe declare that the same shalbee built on the ground of Dennis Hollister in the Fryars, and that William Taylor, Wm. Yeamans, Tho. Gouldeny, Thomas Bisse, Richard Marsh and Jno. Love, doe contract, build and finish the said meetinge house att the publick cost of freinds, and further they declare that thes judgement declared, was what was determined by lott, and that it lay upon Thomas Lower from the Lord that lotts should bee cast both for the place, and the persons that should goe on in the worke.

Robt. Widder
Thomas Louer
Amor Stoddert

Morgan Watkins
Thomas Briggs
John Rous
Ger. Robertes⁴⁴

⁴⁴ Holograph signatures. See the article by Margaret H. Simpson, "Bristol Friends and the Friars Meeting House", *Jnl. F.H.S.*, 47 (1955), pp. 22-33. The accounts are in the "Building book" C.1842 H.7 [149]; B.A.O., SF/A12/1; *SPQ* 77. At this same meeting Hannah Salter (formerly Hannah Stringer) gave in a paper of contrition for her part in the Nayler affair, 1656; C.1842 C.3 [98]; B.A.O., SF/A7/3, 16-17; Fox, *Cambridge Journal*, II.424.

[p. 15] 15th of 9th month [November] 1669

Will: Tovie and Elizabeth Walker this day manifested their intentions of marriage, the consideration of which is referred to next meeting, & that she doe get a paper from Friends of Winterburne that she be free from all other persons.

Joseph More & John Mone are free to goe & speake with John Cox concerning some former miscariages & give account to the next meeting.

Tis this day ordered by all freinds now at metting that Freinds doe here meete for time to come at the furthest by second howre.

Joseph More & Jo. Weare are desired to take notice of any persons that are out of meetings at meting time playing, & that account be given to their parents or masters.

29th of 9th month [November] 1669

William Tovy and Elizabeth Walker, having formerly proposed unto this meetinge their intentions of being joined in marriage, were permitted to cause such their intentions to bee publisht in the publick meetinge house, there havinge appeared no cause to oppose the same; friends at Winterburne have sent a certificate to satisfy freinds here of Elizabeth Walkers clearenes from all others, as far as they know.

[p. 15a] 13th of 10th moneth [December] 1699

Tis ordered that William Ford and Charles Harford bee paid out of the monyes lately collected for services beyond the seas, the summ of twentyseven pounds, five shillings 3d. beinge so much disbursd out of our publicke stocke att sundry times for bookes &c relating to that service.

Tis agreed that the subscribed forme of

CERTIFICATE for mariages bee used for the future and that all persons marryinge have recourse to Francis Rogers to give forth certificates as occasion offers.

Also that for the future, the copyes of every certificate bee entered into the booke for mariages, & that the parties married, & (att least) twelve of the witnesses present doe thereunto sett their handes, and that every person marrying doe take care to gett either Wm. Yeamans, Thomas Gouldeny, Thomas Callohill, Erasmus Dole, Francis Rogers, Jno. Love or Wm. Rogers, to bee there present to the entent that the certificate may bee recorded in the register booke without which the parties that are to bee married are not to accomplish their mariage.

The forme of the above mentioned Certificate:

Whereas it doth appeare by the records of the mens meetinge of the people of the Lord called Quakers within the city of Bristoll that A of &c. and B of &c. did on the th day &c. att ye said meetinge manifest their intentions of mariage. And whereas also

such their intentions were on the th day of &c. in the yeare aforesaid published in the publicke meetinge house of the said people of the Lord in the presence of many people there congregated, and since that inquiry hath been made & that no just cause hath appeared wherefore their marriage should bee obstructed, Wee therefore whose names are hereunto subscribed are witnesses that the said A did in the presence of the Lord & us all take the said B to bee his wife and that the said B did take the said A to bee her husband & that they did mutually promise each to other to live together as man & wife in love and faithfullnes accordinge to Gods ordinance untill by death they should bee separated, And that also the said A & B as a farther testimony of such their takinge each other & of such their promise each to other have hereunto with us putt their hands.

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13th of 10th month [December] 1669

John Banton of this citty havinge manifested his intentions of takinge Ruth Davis to wife was deferd untill such tyme hee produced a certificate from his mother of her approbacion, but at the same time Wm. Davis the father of Ruth gave his free assent.

Tis agreed that Dennis Hollister, Charles Jones, Miles Dixon, Charles Harford, & John Love, and Francis Rogers and Thomas Gouldeny and William Rogers doe meet with the women freinds att the house of Dennis Hollister on 4th day of this week in order to ye disposall of the whole or any part of that mony given by Geo. Bishop to bee disposed of accordinge as freinds should direct, & that if any the aforesaid persons be absent that then those who shall meet may with the women proceed to the disposition of said monyes accordinge to their owne discrecion.

[*In margin.*] Bishop's Gift.

Tis ordered that the abovemenciond freinds doe give answer unto friends letter from Calne touchinge Jno. Tiball.

Be it remembred that publication of the intention of William Tovey and Elizabeth Walker their joyninge together in mariage was made in our publick meeting house on the 3d day of the 10th month in the presence of many there congregated.

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27th of 10th month [December] 1669

John Watts this day proposed his intentions of taking Mary Blagdon to wife, & hath produced certificate of his mothers assent. The next meeting hee is appointed to come with his freind Mary & her mother Barbara.

Theophilus Newton, Nathaniell Day and Wm. Rogers are desired to speake with Symon Tovey aboute the addition of some conveniencies to the tenants under the meeting house.

John Banton of this citty and Ruth Davis havinge on the 13th

instant had their intentions of joininge together in mariage manifested to this meetinge, & havinge both the assent of parents & beinge (as far as wee can understand on inquiry) free from any engagement to others, are permitted to cause publication of such their intencions to be made in our publicke meeting house, but are desired not to consummate their mariage untill after our next mens meetinge.

William Yeamans and William Rogers are ordered to remitt unto Gerard Roberts of London the sum of thirtysix pounds seaventeen shillings sixpence, which with 27 li. 05s. 3d. makes 64 li. 2s. 6d. that was collected for services of freinds beyond the seas. The said 27 li. 5s. 3d. is defalked for our owne disbursements relatinge to that service.

Wm. Yeamans & Francis Rogers are desired to perfect the collections for the new meeting house & to give an account thereof the next meetinge.

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27th of 10th month [December 1669]

Thomas Callohill, Charles Jones and Erasmus Dole are desired to inspect the condicion of Wm. Bonner, & to lay out on the publick account twenty or thirty shillings for the service of his distressed family as they shall thinke fitt.

Tis ordered that twenty poundes bee paid unto the womens meetinge out of the publicke stocke or, if the treasurers are not in cash, the treasurers are desired to advance the mony, to bee distributed as the women freinds shall thinke meet for the releife of poore freinds. Charles Jones and Francis Rogers are desired to take care to see that the mony bee paid in to the women att their next meetinge: Out of which mony Wm. Bonners necessity is to bee suplyed.

John Dole and William Noble are desired as they have opportunity to take and receive from the poorer sort of freinds such sums as they are freely willinge to contribute towards the charge of the new meetinge house, & they are desired to bee carefull to speake nothinge thereof to any butt to good honest freinds. The intent of freinds being cheifely that the least mite might not bee rejected from freinds in truth.

10th of 11th month [January] 1669

John Wats of this citty, Shipwright, & Mary the daughter of Barbarah Blagdon havinge on the 27th of the last month had their intentions of joininge together in mariage manifested to this meeting, & having both the assent of parents, & being (as far as wee can understand on inquiry) free from any engagement to others, are permitted to cause publication of such their intencions to be made in our publique meeting house but are desired not to con-

summate their mariage untill after the next mens meetinge after publicacion.

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10th of 11th month [January] 1669

Tis ordered that for the future every person whatsoever that shall propose the entention of a mariage, bee desired to withdraw after the proposall thereof that so every freind may the more freely offer what hee hath to say in the matter; & that any freind that shall for future bee privy to anyones intentions of mariage doe advise them to cause some freind of the meetinge to propose the same for them & they to bee in readines to attend the call of the meeting.

Bee it remembred that John Baunton, & Ruth Davis their intention of mariage was published in our publique meetinge house by Charles Jones on the 31th of 10th month last in the presence of many then & there congregated.

Thomas Watkins is desired to acquaint Mary Christeron that though freinds can & doe forgive where ye Lord forgives, yet they are not satisfied that shee hath effectually condemned those miscarriages whereof shee is guilty in relacion to the buissines of Wm. Britten & severall other freinds besides those mencion'd in her letter.

⁴⁵7th of 12th month. Thomas Watkins acquainted Mary Christeron of the message of freinds accordinge as hee was desired.

17th of 11th month [January] 1669

Thomas Gouldeny & William Rogers are desired to take the care of gettinge all the writings of Jno. Audland & John Camm which related to truth (whether bookes or epistles) together, (it being the desire of freinds that the same may be printed all in one volumne that so the remembrance of their workes may live to posterity), at the charge of freinds.⁴⁶

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17th of 11th month [January] 1669

Dennis Hollister is desired to write to John Toppin to bee informed whether hee bee willinge to serve freinds under the capacity of a scribe for the publick service of truth,⁴⁷ and if hee bee, to propose his termes, for that freinds doe conclude it expedient to gett a publick writer for the service of truth, as soone as possible

⁴⁵ Added later.

⁴⁶ *The memory of the righteous revived; being a brief collection of the books and written epistles of John Camm and John Audland* did not appear in print until 1689.

⁴⁷ This proposal may well have proved abortive, but in the first half of the next century (and particularly when Alexander Arscott kept Friends' school at the Workhouse) a schoolmaster served as the meeting's clerk. *SPQ*, 530.

one meet for that service cann be proposed & wilbee ready to embrace the service that freinds shall employ him in.

John Ware and James Steridge are desired as they have opportunity to take and receive from ye poorer sort of freinds such summs as they are freely willinge to contribute towards the charge of the new meetinge house, & they are desired to speake nothinge thereof to any butt to good honest freinds, the intent of freinds being cheifly that the least mite might not bee rejected from freinds in truth.

7th of 12th month [February] 1669

Bee it remembered that John Watts and Mary Blaugdon their intentions of marriage was published in our publique meeting house by George Gough on the 28th of the 11th month 1669, in the presence of many wittnesses then & there congregated.

Thomas Pearce this day proposed his intentions of takinge Joane Hily the daughter of Peter Hily to wife. The next meeting hee is desired to bee present with his freind Joan & her mother & to produce a certificate of his owne mothers assent.

[p. 17a] 21th of 12th month [February] 1669

This day Henry Pritchard came to this meeting & delivered unto freinds a paper, wherein is contained what hee said in tyme of sicknes condemninge his disorderly mariage, and other his miscarriages, which hee now ownes before freinds & freinds declared their unity with the judgement but could not justify him, untill the Lord justifies, and so admonisht him to waite in the sense of the judgement, that so hee might through mercy know the Lord both to forgive and justifie.⁴⁸

Thomas Pearce of this citty Grocer, and Joane the daughter of Peter Hily, havinge on the 7th of this instant had their intentions of joininge together in mariage manifested to this meeting, & havinge both the assent of parents, and beinge (as far as wee can understand on inquiry) free from any engagements to others, are permitted to cause publicacion of such their intentions to bee made in our publick meetinge house, butt are desired not to consummate their mariage untill after the next mens meetinge that shalbee after such publicacion.

⁴⁹The said marriage was published by William Taylard on ye 24th instant at ye publique meeting in Brodemeade.

Thomas Morrice & Joane Howell this day manifested unto this meetinge their desires to bee joined together in marriage in the way of freinds, and in regard freinds are not satisfied that the said Thomas was so far convinced of the principle of truth as to have a reall sense of truth upon his spirit, therefore doe they admonish

⁴⁸ The paper, C.1842 C.3 [98]; B.A.O., SF/A7/3, 17.

⁴⁹ Added later.

him, and her both to waite patiently untill the Lord in his time brings them into the sense of that with which freinds have unity.

[p. 18] The 7th of the First month [March] 1669/70

Theophelos Nuton is ordered to set up convenient partitions betwene the two meeting roomes to the end the lesser roome may be inclosed for ye third days meeting and the greater roome for the 6th days meeting. And that Bethsua Ledman keepe fast the greater roome dore on third dayes and the lesser roome dore on the sixth days untill the meeting break up, it being ordered soe by the full concent of this meeting.

Charles Harwood signifying the want of moneys for the nessesary services of the truth, its referred to be considered of some other meeting.

Edward Parker of Thornebury in the county of Gloscester and Elizabeth Rawlings of this citty came into this meeting and manifested their intentions of marriage. And he presented to this meeting a certificate of his orderly conversation, signed by friends of Olvestone meeting. Elizabeth Rawlings is ordered to procure a certificate of her mothers assent, and the farther consideration thereof referred to the next meeting.

the 21st of first month [March] 1669/70

Thomas Bayley of this cittie came into this meeting this day & manifested his intentions of takeing Elnor the daughter of John Cole to wife; he is ordred that he bringe a certiff[ic]ate from his father manifesting his assent, allsoe that said Thomas & Elnor be here next metting: John Cole being now here & signified his consent.

Elizabeth Rawlings came this day againe to the meeting according to the above order & brought a letter from her father-law & mother of their free consent to her intended marriage. Freinds being now sattisfied therewith have given their consent that their intended marriage may be published in our metting house, we finding all things Cleare to our knowledge; and are desired not to consomate their marridge untell after the next mens meetinge that shalbe after such publication.

⁵⁰John Weare published the said marriage the 25th of the first month 1670.

the 4th of the Second Moneth [April] 1670

John Godsell of Charlevel in Ireland this day proposed his intention of marriage with Jane Hazard, and is desired to be here againe with his friend Jane on some other meeting before they proceed farther & that Frances Roggers be desired to be present at said Meeting for him to give testimony according to his knowledge of the conversation of the said Jno. Godsell in Ireland.

⁵⁰ Added later.

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the 4th of the 2th Moneth [April] 1670

Thomas Bayly haveing on the 21th day of ye former moneth signified his intention of marriage with Elenor Cole, did this day with his friend Elenour againe signify the same, and presented certificate of his fathers assent, (wee on inquiry finding nothing meet to obstruct) and [it] is permitted that such their intentions be published in our publike meeting house at a meeting on a Sixth day. Butt they are desired not to consumate their marriage untill after the next mens meeting that shall be after such publication.

Upon consideration of some inconveniency in the making certificats of friends marriages, It is ordered that for tyme to come both the persons concerned doe present them seelves to the meeting at the first signifying of such their intentions, without which noe record thereof shall bee made in the book.

8th of 2d month [April] 1670

Bee it remembred that Thomas Baylif, and Ellenor Cole, their intentions of marriage was this day published in our publick meeting house by John Ware, in the presence of many wittnesses then & there congregated.

18th of 2d Month [April] 1670

John Godsell, and Jane Hazard this day were present at this meeting to manifest their desires to joyne together in mariage in the way of freinds, but were deferd from havinge the assent of freinds untill answer come from his father out of Ireland concerning his approbacion or the contrary.

⁵¹ye 13th 4 month. John Godsill according to the advice of freinds brought a letter unto friends with the consent of his freindes, on which freinds gave consent for ye publication therof.

Wm. Taylor, Miles Dixon, & George Gough are desired to speake unto freinds to stay after the next sixth day to confer aboute reimbursing the treasurers & raying some monyes for services of truth.

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The 16th of 3d month [May] 1670

Joseph Moore, Geo. Gough and John Ware are desired to enquire into the condicion & conversacion of Walter Baker and give an account thereof att ye next meetinge.

Charles Harford, Charles Jones, Francis Rogers & Wm. Rogers, or any two of them are ordered to speake with John Higgins and his mother touchinge Nathaniell Allen, and Thomas Hollister⁵² and John Jones their buissines.

⁵¹ Added later.

⁵² Hollister *written above* Stockman.

11 of 5 month [July] 1670

Tis this day ordred that Thomas Watkins doe inquire into the present nesessitie of the Freinds of Glocester, and to inquire what care the Countie Freinds there take of them, & that if he see cause of present releife that he may deliver them from men freinds meeting here what he sees fitting not exceeding tenn pounds, & that this meting doe ingage to see him sattisfied.⁵³

the 8th 5th month [July] 1670

Bee it remembred that John Godsill and Jane Hasard their intentions of marriag wass this daye published in our publicke meeting in Broad meade by John Ware. In the presents of many witneses then & ther congrigated.

22th of 6th month [August] 1670

Abell Chandler, and Mary Steridge, having propos'd their desires of being joined together in mariage were ordered to come againe the next meeting. & James Steridge is desired to speake to some freinds who are acquainted with the said Abell & that can give a testimony concerninge him to bee present the next meetinge with them.

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22th of 6th mo. 1670

Erasmus Dole, William Ford, Miles Dixon, & Charles Jones, & John Hort, are desired to take care of recording the sufferings of freinds on the other side of the Bridge.⁵⁴

And

Thomas Goldeny, Charles Harvord, John Love, Francis & William Rogers are desired to take care of recording the sufferings of freinds on this side the breadge & are also desired to meet every first day att 6th houre for that purpose.

Joel Gilson and Jone Fletcher this day did propose their intentions of joininge together in mariage, & are ordered to bee present the next meetinge againe.

5th of 7th month [September] 1670

Abell Chandler, and Mary Steridge havinge once already proposed their intentions of mariage, are now permitted to take a convenient opportunity to publish their intentions of mariage, freinds findinge no cause, wherefore the same should bee obstructed.

⁵³ For distrains upon poor Friends of Gloucester in the summer of 1670 see Besse, *Sufferings*, I.217.

⁵⁴ The first mention of persecution under the Second Conventicle Act, which had come into force 10 May 1670. Besse (*Sufferings*, I.52-3) prints a letter of 29 July 1670 describing the situation in Bristol, where Friends were meeting in the streets, being kept out of their meeting houses by soldiers. The business meetings would be held in private houses, as they were during the persecution of 1682-86.

Thomas Watkins in persuance of the order of freinds did suply Glocester freinds with ye summ of three pounds, and the treasurers are ordered to reimburse him againe.

17th of 8ber 1670

[*Crossed through:*] It is agreed that Abell Chandler and Mary Steridge doe this day cause their intentions of marriage to bee

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17th of 8ber 1670

Whereas it hath been the approved practice of freinds to cause all marriages to bee publisht at their publick assemblies, & whereas also freinds are at this time forcibly kept out of their publick meetinge houses, it is therefore agreed that for the future ye intentions of all mariages amongst freinds bee publisht in their mens and womens meetings usually held once every fortnight on the second dayes of the weekes untill such time as that they have admittance into their publique meetinge houses againe, when the former practice & order on this behalfe is againe to take place.

Abell Chandler and Mary Steridge are permitted to publish their intentions of mariage & accordinge to the above order, which was this day don by John Ware.

Joel Gilson and Jane Fletcher are permitted to publish their intention of mariage, for that there appeares no reasonable cause why it should bee longer deferd. Wm. Canons of Bristoll havinge testified in the mens meeting that her late husband Joseph Fletcher dyed in Maryland, which informacion of his death hee had from a freind the man of the house where the said Joseph Fletcher lodged when he dyed. The truth of said Josephs death is further verified by Edward Perrin a freind of this citty: & under his hand as followeth.

I doe hereby certify that John Clements livinge in great Chop-tanke in Maryland, beinge a man of credit, did informe me in the tenth moneth last past (I being then in Maryland) that hee helped to put Joseph Fletcher in the grave, and that diverse other persons of creditt did also informe mee that the said Joseph was dead. Wittnes my hand this 17th of 8ber 1670. Edward Perin.

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31th of 8 month [October] 1670

Joel Gilson beinge at the last meeting permitted to cause his intentions of mariage to bee publisht was this day againe before freinds & denyed to have the same publisht in the Mens meeting untill from the womens meetinge they shall be satisfied that all thinges are cleare; from some objections rayseed concerninge his freind Jane Fletcher. Francis Rogers and Thomas Callohill are desired to informe the women at their meetinge what their objections are.

⁵⁵14th 9ber. Account was given that the women are satisfied.

Upon the readinge of a letter from Alexander Parker to Dennis Hollister, & another from Edward Edwards & James Merricke to G. W. concerninge the miscarriages of Charles Woodward, Charles Marshall is ordered to give answer unto Alexandr. Parker to cleare freinds from that report of making a Collection for him and also to signify to him the true state of the case relatinge to said Woodward so far forth as freinds was concerned with him.

The like also to James Merricke and Edward Edwards. Also Charles Marshall is desired to write to Charles Woodward by the hands of Thomas Whitterne and John Higgins to signify to him that freinds of this citty doe desire that hee come to this citty againe to satisfy them in diverse matters which they have to quaery of him.

the 14th of the 9th month [November 1670]

It is this daye ordered that Thomas Bowes have recourse unto Milles Dixon, Willm. Lane, John Hort, Willm. Ford, Tho. Gouldnie, Charles Harford, Joseph More, or any one of those for aprobaton in all burials; not to make any graves butt what they or any one of them doe approve.⁵⁶

The entention of Joel Gilson's mariage with Jane Fletcher was this day published by Wm. Lane in the mens meeting of freinds.

[p. 20] 14th of 9th month [November] 1670

Richard Gotly and Hester Hollister proposed their intentions of the mariage & he was appointed to come to the next meetinge againe.

28o 9ber [1670]

Thomas Arnold of this citty shoemaker or cordwinder, and Dorathy Ringe of same citty servant to Sarah Fry did this day propose their intentions of marriage, & were by freinds deferd untill the next mens meetinge at which time they are both appointed to bee present againe: & to bring a certificate of the assent of the said Dorathy Ringes parentes. & also to bringe some sufficient testimony that the said Dorathy is clear from one William Waterman, a person with whome shee was once concerned in the matter of love.

Tis ordered that Dennis Hollister, Charles Jones & F. & W.R., Thomas Gouldeny, Joseph Kippen, Wm. Ford, Cha. Harford, John Love, Tho. Watkins, Ch. Marshall, Erasmus Dole, doe meet together at Dennis Hollisters house on the next seaventh-day, there to determine whether a certificate shall bee given to Richard Gotly

⁵⁵ Added later.

⁵⁶ So that only those Friends who were in good standing when they died should be interred.

concerning our approbacion of him in relation to a marriage. & what certificate shall there bee given wee doe conclude to bee as effectuall as if given on a mens meetinge day, the houre of meetinge to bee at foure in the afternoone and that any other freinds who will there appeare may also bee concerned in the same service, & that the conclusion of the major part of the friends nominated shall be effectuall in this case.⁵⁷

12th of 10th moneth [December 1670]

Richard Gotly havinge produced a certificate from the Monethly mens meetinge held at Frampton Cottrell in the county of Glocester, of their approbacion of his & Hester Hollisters joyninge in marriage, and Freinds also of this our meetinge, in persuance of the last menciond order havinge given a certificate of their consents thereunto, hee was therefore this day permitted to cause the publication of such his intentions of mariage to bee made in our mens meetinge, which accordingly was this day don by Wm. Rogers in the presence of many freinds assembled together. Dennis Hollister and Charles Marshall are desired to take care that ye same bee publisht in the next womens meeting.⁵⁸

[p. 20a] 12th of 10th month [December] 1670

Dennis Hollister and Charles Marshall are ordered to goe unto the womens meetinge the next second day to enforme them fully what the minde of this meeting is concerning ye publicacion of mariages in their meeting & that they take care to put them in a due order as to ye records thereof.⁵⁹

Thomas Arnold haveing produced a letter directed to himselfe signifynge the assent of Dorathy Rings parents as to her mariage with him, was ordered to procure the substance thereof by way of a certificate directed to all whome it may concerne or elce in perticular to this meeting, & so for that cause onely was defer'd untill the next meetinge, all other thinges as far as freinds yet know being cleare.

⁶⁰26th 10th month 1670: notice was given of the decease of Tho. Arnold freind.

Upon the reading of a paper given in by William Noble concerning his burthen touching the painted & carved stones in the grave-yard, twas fully debated whether the grave yard as it is now garnished with painted & carved stones bee any reflection on ye principle & profession of truth, whereupon friends in the unity of the spirit had a testimony arisinge in their harts against those

⁵⁷ Copy of the letter, 3 Dec. 1670, in C.1842 C.6 [105]; B.A.O., SF/A7/8, xlvii.

⁵⁸ Copy of certificate of publication of the marriage, 12 Dec. 1670, in C.1842 C.6 [105]; B.A.O., SF/A7/8, xlviii.

⁵⁹ See the minute on publication of marriage, 17 Oct. 1670.

⁶⁰ Added later.

carved & painted stones, severall freinds declaringe their burthen also. And though many freinds had not anything in their harts arising against playne stones, yet severall freinds had a perfect testimony in their hearts against puttinge up of any stone, least peradventure ye same excesse may bee run into for the future, many of whome have declared their intentions to remove their stones. The freinds present att this meeting have hereunto subscribed their hands.

John Wear	Dennis Hollister
Joseph More	Fra: Rogers
Tho: Pearce	
Tho. Callowhill	Erasmus Dole
James Sturge	Charles Jones
James Wall	
Charles Marshall	John Dole
John Love	
Cornelius Sarjant	William Yeamans
Rich. Vickris	Miles Dickson
William Noble	
Israell Bird	Charles Harvord
William James	Thomas Watkins
Willm. Dawson	William Rogers ⁶¹

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Dennis Hollister & Charles Marshall are desired to take copy of what is written on the other side in relacion to burying stones, & deliver it into the womens meetinge & to acquaint them that the matter may in the wisdom & counsell of the Lord bee weighed, that soe in the unity of his spirit the same acceptable service for truth may bee promoted.

26th 10th month. Dennis Hollister and Charles Marshall gave an account to this meeting that the women of the womens meeting hath unity with the order on the other side touching the stones at the graves of deceased freinds.

26th of 10th moneth [December] 1670

Whereas there were severall freinds had a testimony the last mens meetinge against all grave stones, & whereas others had onely a testimony against painted and carved stones; haveing freedome in themselves to suffer plaine stones at the graves of their deceased freinds. And whereas also those freinds who had a testimony against all grave stones did make it their request to the rest for unities sake to joine with them in makinge it the request of this whole meetinge to the body of freinds that all grave stones might bee removed, these now doe signify that at this meetinge for unities sake (and that accordinge to good order, wee might bee of a ready

⁶¹ Holograph signatures. *SPQ*, 417.

condescentious spirit one unto another in the truth) Freinds did unanimously agree together and doe now make it their request to all freindes concerned that all the grave stones may bee forthwith removed out of our buryinge place, & that for the future no more might bee sett up. Also freinds at this meetinge had a testimony against wainscoate & varnisht coffins, & therefore doe also make it our request that all freinds for the future may make use onely of plaine coffins for the dead. Copy of this is ordered to bee delivered into the womens meetinge.

At this meeting were present :

Dennis Hollister	Erasmus Dole	James Steridge
Thomas Gouldeny	Jno. Hort	James Cole
Charles Marshall	Wm. Lane	Thomas Jourdan
Miles Dixon	Jeremy Hignell	Jno. Batho
Wm. Ford	Jno. Dowell	Jno. Dole
Francis Rogers	Joseph Kippon	Wm. Atkinson
Wm. Rogers	Charles Harford	James Pounset
Charles Jones	Jno. Ware	Jno. Sanders
Jno. Higgins	Israel Bird	Jno. Herne
Richard Vickeris	Thomas Callohill	Thomas Whettern
Thomas Watkins	Joseph More	Rowland Dole
Wm. James	Nathaniell Day	Geo. Phips
Jno. Love	Wm. Dawson	Wm. Taylor
	Edward Martindale	Jno. Pricket
	William Noble	

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11th of 11th month [January] 1670

Tis ordered that for the future every proposition to the meetinge which may bee judged worthy our debate or notice, may admitt of a thorough resolve in the meeting; & that every such resolve may bee recorded.

Freinds with one voyce concluded that tis our duty as Christians to enter into one of our meetinge houses, & that our neglect thereof hath been a weakening to our neighbouring freinds.

Tis also concluded that freinds enter into the old meetinge houses first, on the third & sixth dayes of the weeke & that the next first day after such entrance freinds enter into the new meetinge house, & that tis left to Wm. Ford, Charles Jones, Miles Dixon, Wm. Lane, Jeremy Hignell, Jno. Hort, Charles Harford, Dennis Hollister, Thomas Gouldeny, Wm. James, John Love, Wm. Yeamans, Erasmus Dole, Wm. Dawson, Thomas Callohill, Richard Marsh, John Dowell, Nath: Day, to consider whether the doares shall be opened without owninge the houses, or whether they shalbee owned, by any perticular person or persons, and so to negotiate that affaire according as freinds at that meeting shall thinke meet & that on sixth day next at the sixth houre they meet together at the house of Dennis Hollister aboute it.⁶²

⁶² *SPQ*, 77-8.

Francis Rogers having presented a paper to the meetinge containing many things relatinge to good order & reformation in the body, twas read at two mens meetings & upon Francis Rogers his desire that every freind should give a judgement whether they had unity with the paper & spirit that gave it forth, twas declared by everyone whose names are hereunto subscribed that they have unity with the paper & that spirit that gave it forth, & so orders it to bee read in the womens meetinge, & that a paper given forth by Somersetsheir freinds, & another by Geo. Fox bee delivered with it. Jno. Love is ordered to take care of the delivering of them.

Wm. Minar	[col. 1]	Wm. Atkinson	[col. 2]
Henry Didicot		Jno. Herne	
Wm. Rogers		Thomas Watkins	
Wm. Yeamans		John Dowell	
Charles Harris		Richard Marsh	
Nath: Day		Thomas Jourdan	
Francis Rogers		Jno. Ware	
Wm. Noble		Paul Moone	
Thomas Whittern		Charles Marshall	
Wm. Lane		Jno. Jennet	
Jeremy Hignell		Jno. Hale	
Jno. Higgins		Wm. Wells	
Jno. Love			

Jno. Dole	[col. 3]	Charles Harford	[col. 4]
Jno. Pricket			
Isaac Partridge			
Henry Hort			
Jno. Banton			
Jno. Sanders			
Wm. Minar			
Richard Vickeris			
Nathaniell Allen			
Wm. Townsin			
Joseph Kippin			
Erasmus Dole			
Jno. Hardiman			

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16 of 11 month [January] 1670

Its ordred by the meeting that Charles Harford & John Love doe make inquiree of Richard Snead who did make knowne what matters was heare debated in the meeting & that they doe give notice of it to the meeting, and all soe that Fran: Rodgers doe make inquiree of John Clarke who told him what was here don in the meeting & that he give notice of to the meeting.

18th of 11th month [January] 1670

The subscribed persons doe promise to lend on the security of this meetinge the perticular subscribed summs which the meeting orders to bee brought into John Love—

Thomas Gouldeny twenty pounds

Charles Jones ten poundes

Thomas Callohill five poundes

Erasmus Dole five poundes

Miles Dixon three poundes

Cornelius Serjeant ten pounds.

The above summs, together with what Francis Rogers, Wm. Yeamans & Wm. Rogers shall disburse to Dennis more than is collected, is ordered to bee paid out of the first Collection.

Thomas Gouldeny is ordered to deliver the ten pound given by Edward Pyot unto Charles Harford; who is ordered to make use thereof for the publick services of truth, but if it appeare that Edward Pyots will was that the said 10 li. should bee disposed to any other use, then this meetinge is oblidge to make good the said 10 li. to such limited uses.

6th of 12 month [February] 1670

Charles Jones and Edward Martindale are ordered to undertake the perfecting of a collection this day concluded to bee propagated for the reimbursing freinds who have advanced monyes, & other publick services.

Wm. Rogers is ordered to draw up a paper truly stating the case of freinds meeting in the street &c.

Freinds over the Bridge are desired to meet the morrow being third day in the new meeting house, & Thomas Gouldeny, Thomas Watkins, Charles Harford, Jno. Love, Edward Martindale & Francis Rogers are desired to speake with them to consider whether the doares of the meetinge house over the bridg shalbee opened. Sixth day after meetinge the said freinds apoints to meet.⁶³

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20. 12th month [February] 1670

Tis ordered that for the future no burying stones bee put at graves of any that may for the future bee buried in our burying place.

Whereas twas the request of this meetinge that the gravestones should bee removed out of our graveyard, & forasmuch as the matter hath been neglected, Joseph Moore & Jno. Higgins are desired to goe to such freinds who are concerned in the burying stones & acquaint them that tis the request of this meetinge that

⁶³ SPQ, 78.

they should be removed, & upon any emergent occasion that⁶⁴ are desired to take to their assistance, Thomas Gouldeny or any other freind to treat with such who have not a ready inclinacion to answer the request of freinds, & also to take the names of such as assent to answer the request of freinds & to take the care that they bee removed accordingly.

Upon a proposition in this meeting that some care & regard might bee had of Thomas Person's famely who now lyes a prisoner in Ilchester & hath suffered losse of greate part of his outward estate on the account of offering up his house freely to freinds for a meeting; tis ordered that Thomas Gouldeny, & Wm. Rogers doe write unto Thomas Persons acquaintinge him that if hee please to comitt the care of his son & any one other of his children to the tuition of freinds that then freinds will in all respects (as to their education & binding them or either of them apprentice) take a due fatherly care.⁶⁵

Charles Harford & Elizabeth Cox this day proposed their intentions of mariage.

Cornelius Sergent and Rebecka Ball this day proposed their intentions of mariage & R. Ball was ordered to produce a certificate from Wm. Woolly the elder &c. (her guardians) & her Brother Wm. Ball manifesting their assent.

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20th of 12th month [February] 1670

Upon John Verrickes proposall concerninge the necessities of his family, Edward Martindale, W. Ford, C. Jones, & Wm. Lane are desired to inspect his conversacion, the necessities of his family, & the account of his debts, against the next meetinge and in the meanwhile to send him in a hundredweight of iron to put him to worke & to deliver him 10/s. for the present releife of his family.

Present at this Meeting

Thomas Gouldeny	Thomas Watkins	Thomas Callohill
Thomas Jourdan	Joseph Moore	Francis Rogers
John Moone	Wm. Dawson	Isaac Partridge
John Higgins	Israel Bird	Morgan Lamb
Theophilus Newton	Edward Martindale	
John Hardiman	Wm. Ford	
Charles Jones	James Steridge	
Jno. Ware	Richard Vickeris	
Wm. Lane	Charles Harvord	
	Joseph Kippon	
	William Rogers	

6th of 1st moneth [March] 1670

Richard Griffin and Joane Pearce, both of Barton regis, this day

⁶⁴ *i.e.* they.

⁶⁵ The letter to Thomas Parsons is in Friends House Library, Dix A.4.S. There is a copy in C.1842 C.6 [105]; B.A.O., SF/A7/8, xlviii.

proposed their intentions of mariage & Joane Pearce wantinge a certificate of her father & mothers assent was ordered to produce it against the next meeting.

Accordinge to the order of this meetinge, Thomas Gouldeny, & Wm. Rogers writt to Thomas Persons in these words viz.

if thou please to comitt the care of thy son & any one other of thy children to the tuition of freinds that then freinds will in all respects as to their educacion & binding them or either of them apprentices take a due & fatherly care.

The copy of their letter is recorded & was read and approved by this meetinge; to which Thomas Persons writt answer which also was read, & therein hee manifested his acceptance of the love of freinds & therefore freinds doe now order Thomas Gouldeny, Charles Harford, Charles Jones & Wm. Rogers to receive two of his sonns & to place them forth to schoole or apprentice & to provide all things necessary for dyet and apparell, according as they or any two of them shall from time to time thinke meet, the cost and charge which they or any or either of them shalbee att, this meeting doth oblidge to repay.

Charles Harford and Elizabeth Cox this day againe proposed their intentions of mariage and all things beinge cleare were permitted to cause the publication thereof to bee made.

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6th of 1st moneth [March] 1670

Cornelius Sergeant and Rebecka Ball had the entention of their mariage this day againe proposed, & there beinge a certificate produced on the behalfe of Rebecka, and all things elce as far as wee can understand cleare, they are permitted to cause the publication thereof to bee made amongst freinds.

Tis now ordered that for the future the publication of all freinds mariages bee on the sixth day of the weeke made in the meetinge of freinds in the publicke meetinge house.

Att this meeting the 6th of th[e] 1st moneth when the order on the other side of this leafe was made in relacion to Thomas Person's his two sonns, there was then present—

Charles Harford	Wm. Lane	Richard Vickris
Cornelius Sergeant	Joseph Moore	Thomas Pearce
Jno. Dole	Morgan Lamb	Israell Bird
Jno. Herne	Geo. Phips	Wm. Rogers
Isaac Partridge	Charles Jones	Erasmus Dole
James Steridge	Thomas Watkins	Jno. Batho
Wm. James	Edward Martindale	Jno. Higgins
Thomas Jourdan	Jno. Sanders	
Jno. Pricket	Wm. Ford	
Jno. Hort	Thomas Goulden	
Jno. Ware	Thomas Callohill	
	Jno. Lovell	

20th of the 1th Moneth [March] 1670

According to the order of Friends, a certificate was produced of Joane Pearce her parents assent to take Richard Griffen to husband and therefore (all things else as far as wee know being cleare in relation to them) they have the assent of this Meeting to cause publication to bee made according to the order of Friends.

Edward Martindale on the seaventeenth instant publisht the intention of Charles Harvords marage with Elizabeth Cox in the publicke meetinge house.

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20th of the 1st Moneth [March] 1670

Charles Joanes on the seaventeenth instant publisht the intention of Cornelius Sergent his mariage with Rebecka Ball.

Friends havinge formerly manifested their readinesse to take a fatherly care as to educatin[g] and binding apprentice two of Thomas Parsons his children now a sufferer for the truth in Evill Chester Goale, Jane Hods daughter of the said Thomas Parsons came and presented to this meeting her brothers John and Samuell sonns of the said Thomas Parsons to whom the whole Meeting manifested their tender love and regard, and thereupon ordered Dennis Hollister to receive in the name of the Meeting the said John and Samuell from the hands of the said Jane their sister, and to acquaint her that a due and fatherly care should bee taken of them according to what had been signified by order of this Meeting to their father, which accordingly was done and the two children immediately committed in her presence to Susanna Pearson to take a motherly care of them.

Thomas Gouldeny, Charles Harvord, Charles Jones and William Rogers being the last Meeting ordred to receive two of Thomas Parsons his sonns and to place them forth to schoole or apprentice and to provide all things nessesary for diet have agreed with Susanna Pearson for their diet at tenne pounds per annum for each child.⁶⁶

Isaac Partridge & Margret Gush proposed to this meeting their intentions of Marriage and Jno. Jenet and John Saunders are desired to inquire into those things needfull to bee manifested to this meeting in relation to Isaac Partridge and to acquaint friends thereof at the next meeting and both the particulars are ordered to bring certificates of their relations assents.

⁶⁶ Tanner, *Three lectures*, 41-43. Documents will be found in the volume "Letters of discipline, from 1671 to 1760" C.1842 C.17 [139]; B.A.O., SF/A7/4.

Present at this Meeting

Dennis Hollister	Jno. Jenet	Israell Bird
Thomas Gouldney	Phillip Hollister	William James
Willm. Rogers	Thomas Briggs	John Dole
Charles Harvord	Charles Jones	Thomas Browne
James Cole	Erasmus Dole	Thomas Jordan
Morgan Lamb	Thomas Callowhill	John Bathoe
William Dawson	Miles Dixson	John Sanders
William Ford	Joseph More	Paule Moon
Frances Rogers	Thomas Watkins	John Herne
John Hale	Jno. Love	John Higgins

[p. 24a] 3d of the 2d Moneth [April] 1671

George Phips on the 31st of the first moneth 71 published the intention of Richard Griffen his marriage with Joane Peerce in the publique meeting house.

This day Morgan Lamb and Anne Long proposed their intentions of marriage.

Isaac Parteridge & Margret Gush this day againe manefested their entention of marriage, and it appearing that Isaac Patteridge (to purchase his liberty of a Burgiss of this citty) hath taken the Oaths to the wronging of his owne soule and reproach of truth, and although he declares that he hath had troubles and condemnation on him for it, yet friends hath a sence that he hath not soe past through judgment as to cleare himselfe, nor take off[f] the reproach thereof from friends, and therefore cannot at present have unity with their marriage, but desires him to waite on the lord for som farther testemony to arise from him to cleare the truth of that reproach.

⁶⁷see 7th of 6th month 1671.

John Lovell & Sarah Marling haveing the former meeting⁶⁸ manefested their ententions of marriage, and intending to consumate the same at Kingsweston (the place of the said Sarah Marleings abode) here this meeting hath presented a certificate from friends of the country at their Monethly meeting at Winterbourne signifying their assent, tis therefore ordered that he may publish the said entention in our Meeting.

It is ordered that William Lane and William James should speak with John Brooks, and to acquaint him that freinds desires him to come to the next mens meeting and to make report to the meeting what his reason was that he came not to this meeting according to his promise, and they are ordered to desire Charles Havord to goe with them.

⁶⁷ Added later.

⁶⁸ There is no previous minute on the subject, but C.1842 C.6 [105]; B.A.O., SF/A7/8, xlix contains copy of a certificate, 6 March 1671, signed by William Rogers and William Ford, addressed to Frampton Men's Meeting.

Freinds being informed that Thomas Peerce have lately procured his freedome of the city, and freinds doubting that it could not bee gotten without an Oath did desire Thomas Gouldney and Dennis Hollister to inquire into the matter and to acquaint the meeting with it.

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3d of the 2d moneth [April] 1671

James Parke this day signified an entention of marriage between William Peachy & Elizabeth Coleman, in London, and desired certificate from Friends of this Citty concerneing him, And wee knowing noething of just occation that should obs[t]ruct the said marriage have ordered certificate shall be given from this meeting to that effect.

Present at this Meeting

Dennis Hollister	Nathaniell Day	William James
Thomas Gouldney	Israel Bird	John Pricket
Richard Vickris	John Batho	John Higgins
John Saunders	Thomas Watkins	William Lane
James Park	John Lovell	John Ware
John Jennet	Willm. Ford	Charles Jones
Miles Dixon	Joseph More	James Cole
Thomas Jordan	John Herne	Thomas Callowhill
Eras: Dole	Thomas Browne	William Noble

17th of the 2th moneth [April] 1671

Wm. Lane and James Cole are desired to informe Miles Dixon & John Lovel & Thomas Bows to be present here the next meeting, & bring such records of births & burialls with them as they have, that soe this meeting may inspect the order they are kept in.

⁶⁹The records of burialls was brought in ye 1th of 3d month 71, and friends find that of late the same has been recorded in good order, and desired John Lovell will continue the same for tyme to come.

Thomas Goldney, Charles Harvord, Jno. Love & Theophelos Newton are desired to speake with Symond Tovy concerning our leaveing the old meeting house, and to give an accowmpt thereof the next meeting.

⁶⁹1th of the 3d month 1671. Tho. Goldney &c.⁷⁰ (all others being absent) this meeting referrs the farther descorse thereof to the next meeting.

Morgan Lamb & Anne Longe this day againe proposed their ententions of marriage, and all things as farr as we can understand being cleare betwene them, they are permitted to cause publication thereof in our publique meeting.

⁶⁹ Added later.

⁷⁰ A slight tear here.

present at this meeting

Tho. Goldney	James Cole	Joseph Moore
Charles Harvord	John Dole	John Bathoe
John Love	John Jenett	William Wells
Thomas Whitehorne	Theop: Newton	William James
Jerimiah Hignell	Thomas Watkins	Thomas Browne
Erazmus Dole	William Lane	Tho: Jordan
		Tho: Callowhill

[p. 25a] the 1st of the 3d moneth [May] 1671

Whereas upon examination its found that the record of the births of children is not duely kept by the omission of the parents in their not giveing notice of it into the Register, and judgeing the neglect thereof may bee prejudiciall to the children of freinds, and minding that upon a former debate G. F⁷¹ advised to have recourse to the Womens meeting for their assistance, it is now ordered that Dennis Hollister & Miles Dixson doth signify to the womens meeting that it is the desire of this meeting that they will endeavour to find out an expedient for the time to come, that notice may bee given to the Register of all births of freinds children in this city.

John Jenet on the twenty eight of the second moneth (71) publisht the intentions of Morgan Lamb his marriage with Anne Long in the publike meeting house.

Present at this Meeting

Dennis Hollister	Theophilus Newton
Miles Dixson	Willm. James
Charles Harvord	Cornelious Sergent
Thomas Callowhill	John Hardiman
William Ford	Thomas Browne
Charles Marshall	John Ware
Israell Bird	George Phips
Erasmus Dole	William Wells
John Higgins	John Lovell

15th of ye 3d month [May] 1671

George Bennett & Dorcas Saucer this day proposed their ententions of marriage, & the said George not haveing yet therewith acquainted his mother, Friends doe advise him to proceed noe farther therein, until he have acquainted his mother and have her concent & a certificate thereof under her hand.

Being informed that there is a differance betwixt Nathaniell Allon & Edward Bennet, and that proposall hath been made by ye said Nathaniell for the ending thereof by persons indifferantly chosen or by any fower friends that the said Edward himself shall choose, which Edward Bennet hath refused. Therefore for the better reconciling thereof, Miles Dixson, Wm. Foord, Tho. Whitehorne & Charles Jones be desired to speake with the said Edward & use indeavers with him to reconcile it. & if they cannot prevaile therein

⁷¹ 21 Oct. 1669, George Fox being present.

to give an accowmpt therof to this meeting.

Dennis Hollister & Miles Dixson informes this meeting that according to the order of the former meeting they hath declared the mind of friends in that particuler to the weomens meeting and retornes this in answeare.

That the weomens meeting doe accept thereof to undertake that service, and hath declared that they will endeavor to take account of all the births of friends children for the time to come, and give notice thereof to the register in order that the same may be fully and duly recorded.

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the 15th of the 3d moneth [May] 1671

A paper given forth by Rebecca Jenins being read by order of this meeting, and friends generally judging the exhortations therein seasonable, & time being far spent this meeting doth defer it to the next meeting to have farther descorce thereof.⁷²

Present at this meeting

Dennis Hollister	William Foord	Tho. Whitehorne
Thomas Goldney	Israell Bird	John Saunders
Charles Harvord	Nath. Allon	John Hardiman
John Love	Pawl Moone	James Stirrage
Miles Dixson	John Bathoe	Tho. Callowhill
William Lane	John Weare	William Wells
Edward Martendale	Joseph Moore	
Thomas Jordan	Thomas Browne	
William Dawson	Erasmus Dole	
	James Cole	

the 29th of the 3d moneth [May] 1671

George Bennet & Darcas Saucer this day againe proposed their ententions of marriage, they both bring certificate of their parents concent, and nothing apareing unto us that shold obstruct their marriage, tis therfore concented that they shall publish their said ententions in our publike meeting.

⁷³published the 9th of the 4th mo. 71.

Wheras there hath been severall papers given forth by George Fox and divers other Friends containing severall seasonable exhortations against excess, superfluity, vanity, & curiosity in the houses and apparrell of friends, to which, testimonys arising fresh in our hearts and at this tyme liveing with us, and haveing unity therewith, doe desire our friends Dennis Hollister, Thomas Goldney, William Yeamans and William Foord to present the said papers to the weomens meeting, that soe wee all in unity and in gods power and authority may in faithfullness together put in

⁷² There is a paper from Rebecca Jenings to the Men's Meeting, 7 August 1671, in C.1842 C.17 [139]; B.A.O., SF/A7/4, 7.

⁷³ Added later.

practice that worke of reformation, for which the testimony of god is risen in us, and to our utmost, indeaver the recovering the testimony of truth in the hearts of the enemies thereof and the stoping those mouthes which hath on occation thereof spoken evell against us.

Tis order'd that care be taken that records be kept, of the despoising of all gifts of Friends that was or shall be given to any charitable use.

Tis ordered that consideration be had the next meeting touching the keeping cleane the meeting house & roomes adjoyning that the burthen thereof may not lye to[o] heavye on John & Jane Bathoe.

Present at this meeting

Charles Harvord	Wm. Foord	John Saunders
Erasmus Dole	Rich. Vickeris	James Stiridge
Charles Jones	Joseph Moore	John Hardiman
Miles Dixson	Nicholas Taylour	James Cole
Tho. Goldney	Wm. Taylour	Edward Martendale
Dennis Hollister	Wm. Yeamans	Tho. Callowhill
Geo. Phips	Morgan Lamb	Tho: Taylour
Jerimiah Higgnel	Isaac Pateridge	
Nath: Allon	Wm. Noble	

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The 12th of 4th Month [June] 1671

Upon report from Dennis Hollister, Tho. Gouldney, Willyam Ford, that the womens meeting had well accepted their testimonys against the excesse & curiosity taken notice of the last mens meeting, in the houses and apparell of friends: they three with William Yeamans are againe desired to take care that all such friends as are makers of apparell be exhorted: that they do not incourage, but rather discourage such vanities; or else to take care that they be desired to be here the next mens meeting.

Richard Sneed haveing this day proposed his intention of marriage with Bridgett Sharpe of London with submission to friends of this meeting; and desired a certificate from friends; it was consented unto by friends; and a certificate signed accordingly.⁷⁴

Present at this meeting

Dennis Hollister	John Love	John Bathoe
Tho. Gouldney	Phillip Hollister	Erasm. Dole
Wm. Rogers	James Steridge	John Prickett
John Moone	Joseph Moore	John Jennett
Myles Dickson	Richd. Sneed	Nicolas Taylor
Charles Jones	Willyam Lane	George Phipps
Wm. Ford	Tho: Watkins	John Weare
Char: Harvord	John Higgins	Edw: Martindale
Israell Bird		

⁷⁴ Copy of certificate of clearance, and of the consent of his mother, 12 June 1671, in C.1842 C.6 [105]; B.A.O., SF/A7/8, xlix.

26th of 4th moneth [June 1671]

Dennis Hollister &c. according to the above written order did warne diverse freinds who are makers of apparell to bee present at this meeting, who accordingly came and were exhorted &c.

Wm. Ford	Peter Hawkins	Nicholas Taylor
Charles Harfor	Wm. Godby	Thomas Whittern
Tho: Gouldeny	Jno. Hort	James Steridge
Erasmus Dole	Jno. Banton	Wm. Dawson
Dennis Hollister	Wm. Tippet	Charles Jones
Thomas Callohill	Thomas Windo	Samuell Taylor
Jno. Sanders	Alexander Perkin	Jno. Higgins
Jno. Herne	Jno. Nutt	Wm. Rogers
Joseph Kipon	Daniell Edwards	Jno. Hardiman
Jno. Love	Isaac Partridge	Jno. Lovell
Thomas Jourdan	Jeremy Hignell	Thomas Willis
Phillip Hollister	Joseph More	Jno. Batho
Wm. Minar	Jno. Ware	Edward Beare
Jno. Dole	James Cole	Robert Claxton
Jno. Jennet	Wm. Collins	
Nathaniell Allen	Wm. James	
Israel Bird	Thomas Browne	

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10th of 5th moneth [July 1671]

Thomas Gouldeny, Charles Harford & Wm. Rogers are ordered to collect an account of all summs of mony given by deceased freinds or otherwise to charitable uses and to propose a method against the next meetinge wherein the same shall lye on record.⁷⁵

Present at this meeting

Dennis Hollister	Ed: Martindale	Jno. Higgins
William Rogers	William Wells	
Charles Harvord	John Bainton	
William Yeamans	Thomas Lewis	
Thomas Watkins	Willm. Noble	
Erasmus Dole	John Dole	
William Lane	Tho: Callowhill	
Israell Bird	John Ware	
Miles Dixon	Tho: Whitterne	
James Sterridge	Jno: Sanders	
Thomas Willis	Willm. James	
Edward Bale	Nicho: Tayler	
	James Cole	
	Jno. Lovell	

⁷⁵ This account does not appear to survive. It was probably destroyed when a later survey was made.

7th of 6th month [August] 1671

Isaac Partridge is permitted to cause the intentions of his marriage with Margaret Gush to bee publisht in our publicke meeting.

Thomas Gouldeny, Charles Harvord, Jno. Love, W. Ford, & Theophilus Newton, or any two of them are desired to conclude with Symon Tovy touching the delivery up of his house in Broadmeade.⁷⁶

Tho. Gouldeny	Tho. Browne	Wm. Ford
Dennis Hollister	Jno. Higgins	Erasmus Dole
Charles Harford	Edward Lord	Thomas Willis
Charles Jones	Jno. Batho	Wm. Rogers
Joseph Kipon	Jno. Jennet	Wm. Ifeild
Edward Martindale	Alexandr. Parkr.	Jno. Banton
Geo: Phips	Jno. Story	Thomas Callohill
Wm. Minard	Jno. Ware	Francis Rogers
Jno. Dole	Isaac Partridge	
Jeremy Hignell	Thomas Jourdan	
Rich: Vickeris	Wm. James	

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21th of 6th month [August] 1671

On the 18th instant John Higgins publisht the intentions of a marriage to bee had between Isaac Partridge & Margaret Gush.

This day was proposed an intention of marriage between Isaac Hemming of the city of London and Mehetabell Speed of the city of Bristol.

Tis ordered that for many occasions relating to the affaires of truth there bee a mens meeting on the next second day att the 2d houre.⁷⁷

Edward Martindale is ordered to engage for three hundred of iron for Jno. Verwick, & ye meeting doth oblidge to save Edward Martindale harmeles.

Thomas Salthouse	Wm. Yeamans
Thomas Gouldeny	James Steridge
Miles Dixon	James Coale
Joseph Kipon	Wm. James
Geo. Phips	Wm. Ifeild
Charles Harford	Thomas Browne
Francis Rogers	John Banfeild
Wm. Rogers	Henry Thomas
Wm. Minard	Thomas Watkins
Wm. Lane	Charles Jones
Richard Vickeris	
Israel Bird	
Edward Martindale	
Thomas Callohill	

⁷⁶ The Broadmead church took over the meeting room, 12 Aug. 1671, and met there from 20 Aug. *Broadmead records*, ed. Underhill, (1847) 158, 164.

⁷⁷ No records survive for a meeting, 28 Aug. 1671.

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4th of 7th month [September] 1671

Isaac Hemminge is permitted to cause the ententions of his marriage with M:S. to bee publisht in the publicke meetinge of freinds on the third day of this weeke.

This day a publick collection was concluded on for charitable uses and other services of the truth: Erasmus Dole and William Lane are desired to take the care thereof.

Present at this meetinge

Thomas Gouldeny	Tho: Watkins
Charles Harford	Wm. Noble
Wm. Rogers	Wm. Eifeild
Charles Jones	Jno. Dole
Francis Rogers	Wm. James
Edward Martindale	Theophilus Newton
Erasmus Dole	Jno. Hale
Jno. Love	Wm. Lane
Jno. Daunton	Jeremy Hignell
Jno. Pricket	Thomas Browne
Geo. Phips	Jno. Sanders
Joseph Moore	Jno. Ware
Richard Vickeris	Nathaniell Day
Richard Wood	Morgan Lamb
Wm. Yeamans	John Herne
Thomas Gibbs	Wm. Wells
	Thomas Willis

The eighth of the 7th moneth, the intention of Isaac Hemminge his mariage with Mehetabel Speed was publisht in the publicke meetinge of freinds in the Meetinghouse by Thomas Gouldeny.

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18th of 7th month [September] 1671

Tis the order of freinds that if any freindes (who have or shalbee made trustees of any certen summ or summs of mony given or to bee given for charitable uses relatinge to freindes) shall request this meeting to bee advisinge & assisting with them, that then this meeting does advise and assist accordingly & take care as much as in them lyes (without contractinge any charge upon the meetinge) that the righteous ends of such trusts may bee performed.

Tis also the judgement of freinds that this meetinge doe from time to time inquire whether freinds made trustees in any case as aforesaid doe take care that such trusts are duely performed, & where any neglect is to endeavour that the persons concern'd in such trusts doe doe their duties.

Present

Dennis Hollister	Thomas Watkins	Wm. Taylor
Thomas Gouldeney	Jno. Hale	Wm. Ifeild
Wm. Rogers	Jno. Love	Wm. James
Charles Jones	Jno. Batho	Geo. Phips
Francis Rogers	Isaac Partridge	Wm. Lane
Charles Harford	Jno. Pricket	Erasmus Dole
Geo. Gough	Jeremy Hignell	John Tyso
Wm. Ford	Jno. Banton	Tho. Brown
Wm. Brand	Thomas Callohill	
James Steridge		

The 2d of 8th month [October] 1671

[*Crossed through.*] Thomas Callohill and James Cole and Wm. Lane are desired to inspect the condicion of Margery Wale and propose to the next meeting their judgement how her owne estate may bee managed to her most advantage for a livelyhood during her life.

⁷⁸Upon inquiry it was fownd that she is at present in noe destress & that shee hath relations that will stand by her.

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The 2d of 8th month [October] 1671

The entention of Robert Summers his mariage with Elizabeth Guerrish, was publisht in our meetinge on the 22th of the last moneth by James Steridge.

Thomas Callohill is ordered to give a certificate thereof into the meetinge in the country amongst whome the mariage is to bee consummated.⁷⁹

16th of the 8th month [October] 1671

Edward Daniel & Sarah Bishop this day proposed their entention of marriage. And it appearing that the said Edward hath taken oaths contrarie to the testimony of truth & to the grieffe and burthen of friends. Therefore wee cannot at present have unity with him in their marriage but adviseth them in patience to waite untill the lord shall give him true repentance.

⁷⁸ Added later.

⁷⁹ There is no previous minute on the subject, but C.1842 C.6 [105]; B.A.O., SF/A7/8, 1, contains copy of a certificate, 10 July 1671, addressed to Frampton Men's Meeting, on behalf of Robert Summers, of Barton Regis (intending to marry Elizabeth Gervis of Lawrence Weston).

Dennis Hollister	George Phips	William Ithield
Thomas Gouldney	Richard Vickeris	George Gough
John Love	William Taylour	Thomas Watkins
Edward Martendale	John Bawnton	John Weare
Miles Dixon	John Heale	William Foord
Thomas Watkins	James Cole	Erasmus Dole
Thomas Jordan	Joseph Moore	Thomas Callowhill
John Hardiman	James Wall	Thomas Browne

Also, John Johns haveing last meeting presented a paper to friends disowneing & condemning that spirit in him that formerly lead him into highth of mind and opposition to friends, have this day per Jno. Love & John Weare signified to this meeting that it farther lyeth upon him to publish the same amonge those friends in Glostershire where he formerly appeared in that spirrit. Which wee finding nothing of inconveniency therein leaveith it to him to publish according to his freedome therein.

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30th of 8th moneth [October] 1671

Freinds doe agree that from the 29th of 7th mo. last John Batho bee allowed five pounds per annum (which the treasurer from time to time is ordered to pay out of the publicke stock), toward the keeping of a servant & in consideracion that hee take care to keepe the roomes for meetinge cleare & attend the services of truth as hee usually hath don.

Present

Dennis Hollister	Miles Dixon	Geo. Gough
Thomas Gouldeny	Wm. Ford	Jno. Hort
Charles Harford	Thomas Callohill	Jno. Ware
Wm. Rogers	Wm. Ifeild	Tho. Brown
John Love	Thomas Watkins	James Steridg
Edward Martindale	Wm. Lane	Jno. Banton
Thomas Jourdan	James Cole	
Richard Vickeris		
John Ware		

13th of 9th month [November] 1671

George Phips did this day propose his intentions of mariage with Elizabeth Cowles of Rosborough in herefordshire, and in order to the accomplishment thereof did desire a certificate concerning himselfe, but inasmuch as no testimony nor certificate is produced of her and her mothers consent thereto; friends doe therefore not thinke itt expedient to take the matter into their consideracions untill such time hee produce a certificate from her and her mother of their assents.⁸⁰

⁸⁰ A certificate was signed, 11 Dec. 1671, to the Men's Meeting in Ross, on behalf of George Phips, maultseller. Copy in C.1842 C.6 [105]; B.A.O., SF/A7/8, 1.

Present

Dennis Hollister	Jno. Hale	Wm. Lane
Miles Dixon	Tho. Browne	Charles Jones
Wm. Rogers	James Wall	Tho. Jourdan
Erasmus Dole	Geo. Phips	Edward Martindale
Theophilus Newton	Nath. Allen	Jno. Ware
Israel Bird	Jno. Batho	Thomas Callohill
Jno. Prickett	Joseph More	Richard Vickeris
Charles Harford		

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Edward Daniell presented himselfe this meeting againe, and freinds ordered him to procure certificates from his and his freind Sarah Bishops relations of their assents to their mariage & that his freind Sarah Bishop should the next meetinge bee present.

Present at ye said meeting

Dennis Hollister	William Rogers	Thomas Watkins
Thomas Gouldney	William Foord	William Taylour
Miles Dickson	Charles Harvord	Morgan Lamb
Thomas Robinson	William Lane	Thomas Jordan
James Cole	Richard Vickeris	John Higgins
Israell Bird	John Prickett	John Baunton
Charles Jones	John Bathoe	Richard Collens
Tho: Callowhill	William Ithield	George Phips
Edward Martendale	George Gough	Joseph Moore
		William Collens

ditto.

Dennis Hollister, Thomas Gouldeny, Wm. Ford, Charles Harford, Miles Dixon, Wm. Rogers, or any foure of them, are appointed to goe to the next weomens meetinge, and there to know ye ground wherefore Margaret Hale & Jone Hily publisht a womens monethly meeting & likewise to know how & on what account that monethly womens meeting was first sett up; & to give an account to this next meeting. W R⁸¹

11th of 10th moneth [December] 1671

Edward Daniell is permitted to cause the intention of his mariage with Sarah Bishop to bee publisht in our publicke meetinge house.

⁸¹ SPQ 312.

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The 11th of the 10th moneth [December] 1671

Dennis Hollister, Thomas Gouldney, Charles Harvord, Miles Dixson, William Foord & William Roggers according to the order of friends the last meeting went to the weomens ffourtnights meeting, and the accowmpt that they retorne to the mens meeting, and in which they all six agree, is to this effect.

To the first Question. That Margret Heale of her selfe, and not by order of any meeting, published the weomens monethly meeting in the publique meeting house.

To the second Question. That a letter of George Fox's, dillivered & read in the weomens meeting as sent from the mens meeting was the ground which occationed the proposing & concluding of the weomens monethly meeting.

Upon examination of the matter concerning the dillivery of George's letter: Friends generally doe conclude that that letter of George's (which was directed only to men Friends and not to weomen friends) was not the letter intended by the mens meeting to be sent to & read at the weomens meeting, but that the paper recommended by the mens meetinge was a paper against vanity & excess.⁸²

That the weomen friends (not agreeing amonge them selves) apoynted a meeting on purpose to waite upon the lord if peradventure they might come to unity amongst them selves touching that monethly meeting, at which meeting they agreed to reffer it to the wisdom of god in the friends of the mens meeting.

Upon weighty consideration of the matter friends of the mens meeting, haveing a deepe sense upon their spirrits that tis their duty to mind only those things that tend to peace, and being in a sence of that which followeth after peace, doe with one accord conclude that the best expedient for ye preservation of peace amonge the body is to desire the weomen Friends to forbear the said Monethly meeting untill such tyme they have unity amonge them selves & with the mens meeting conserneing the same, and accordingly the friends of the mens meeting doe with one accord desire that the friends of the weomens meeting doe for beare the said monethly meeting untill such tyme they have unity among them selves and also with the mens meeting concerning the same.

Tho. Gouldney is desired to diliver a copie of the above order to Mary Gouldney & Elizabeth Pyott, Isabell Yeamans, & Mary North, to be by them communicated to the weomens meeting.

⁸² See 29 May 1671.

Present

Dennis Hollister	Israel Bird	Thomas Jourdan
Thomas Gouldeny	Wm. Itheild	Geo: Gough
Miles Dixon	Charles Jones	Nath. Day
Wm. Rogers	Wm. James	Thomas Callohill
Charles Harvord	Edward Martindale	Joseph Moore
Jno. Love	Erasmus Dole	Morgan Lamb
Wm. Ford	Jno. Pricket	
Thomas Robinson	James Wilson	
James Wall	Thomas Watkins	
Richard Vickeris	James Steridge	
Jno. Herne	George Phips	
Jeremy Hignell	Jno. Banton	

[p. 31] 25. 10th month [December] 1671

Whereas Charles Woodward came to this meetinge desiringe to bee reconciled to freinds & signified that hee hath some paper or papers to shew that duringe the time of his beinge last in the country, friends had nothinge against his conversacion, hee therefore with his father are ordered to bee present next meetinge & to bringe such papers as hee hath from country freinds concerning his justification or unity with friends there. Thomas Watkins is desired to take care to bring such papers as concernd C. Woodward's former disorderly conversacion in the country, & Edward Martindale, and Wm. James are desired to enquire against next meeting into his conversacion of late amongst freinds of this citty & to give report thereof to the next meeting.

A paper given forth by M.H. [Margaret Hale] was read amongst freinds at this meetinge, & shee proposed to freinds that it might bee read in the third, or sixth day Meeting. The advice of freinds was that shee should further waite to bee directed in the wisdom & power of God to publish it, otherwise then in those meetings, unto such whome it might concerne. Her answer was that shee received the councill of freinds & so left the paper with us.

Present at the meeting.

Thomas Robertson	James Cole	Morgan Lambe
Thomas Gouldney	Georg Gough	Jno. Weare
Wm. Rogers	Tho: Watkins	John Heale
Myles Dickson	Nath: Day	Wm. Taylour
Wm. Ford	Jno. Love	Joseph Moore
Charles Harvord	Jeremy Hignell	Jno. Jennett
Charles Jones	Wm. James	Nicholas Taylour
Wm. Layne	Wm. Ifeild	John Dole
Erasmus Dole	Israell Bird	Geo: Phipps
Richard Vickris	Jno. Banton	Jno. Prickett
John Bathoe	Tho: Whitehorne	Tho: Browne
Nath. Allen	Wm. Maynard	Edw: Martindale
	Jno. Lucas	

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Bristol: 8th day of the 11th Month: [January] 1671

Friends haveing throughly waighed ye matters proposed to them by Charles Woodward do conclude to give him this answare: vizt. That friends at present cannot answare his request, & therefore doe desire him to waite upon ye Lord, that he may feele gods judgments for his horrible transgressions: & then as through the judgments he comes to find mercy; friends do beleewe they will have a sence therof, & unity with him. And untill then they do exhort him to forbear his presumeing to declare, preach or pray in publike meetings; wherby severall friends have been much burthened.

Present at the meeting.

Dennis Hollister	Francis Rogers	Willyam Rogers
Myles Dickson	Wm. Ford	Richd. Sneede
Char: Harvord	Eras. Dole	Tho: Jordan
Char: Jones	Wm. James	Geo: Gough
Thomas Callowhill	Joseph Moore	Jno. Bathoe
William Layne	Geo: Phips	James Steridge
Israell Bird	Jno. Sanders	Wm. Noble
Wm. Ifeild	Jno. Jennett	Nath: Day
Wm. Maynard	Jno. Weare	Tho: Browne
Tho: Watkins	Jno. Lucas	Edw: Martindale

22th of 11th month [January] 1671

Francis & W. Rogers att the request of Walter Somers proposed to the meeting whether or no there might bee any encouragement for John Toppin, to come to this citty on the score of keeping schoole, & freinds doe desire Geo. Gough to enquire amongst freinds who may bee free to putt their children to him & give account to next meetinge.⁸³

Dennis Hollister, Charles Harford and John Batho are desired to take care that the way to the meeting thorough the lane by Peter Hyly's bee pitcht & kept cleane, & if they cannot soe contrive the buisines as that others may beare a part of the charge they are then desired to doe it att the publicke charge of freinds.

Charles Harford on the behalfe of the widow Parsons proposed to the meeting the request of the said widow, viz. to take one other of her children in steed of her son that went home lately from the charge of freinds. An answer is defer'd till next meeting.

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The 5th of the 12th moneth [February] 1671

A letter from some friends in the county of Somerset⁸⁴ being

⁸³ *SPQ* 530.⁸⁴ The North Somerset M.M. letter, dated 3 Feb. 1671/2, is in C.1842 C.17 [139]; B.A.O., SF/A7/4, 2.

read; is refered to the weomens meeting desireing them to informe us what they understand of the nessesitys of the widdow Parsons & by whom it is reported.

⁸⁵An answer from the womens meeting touchinge the widow Parsons was read & therein they signify that they understand not that any complaint was made to any one of them concerninge the widow Parsons wants.

That the paper testifying against John Butler be perfited against next sixth day by Dennis Hollister, Tho. Watkins, & Tho. Callowhill, for Friends then to approve thereof in order to the publication thereof.

Bristoll. 19th of 12th moneth [February] 1671

Richard the sonn of Robert Vickeris of this citty Merchant and Elizabeth the daughter of George Bishop late of this citty deceased did this day propose their intentions of mariage: a certificate was produced of R.V. fathers assent and he desired to procure the like from Elizabeth Bishop sister of the said Geo. and who hath the sole care of the said Elizabeth the daughter of Geo. Bishop.

Present

Dennis Hollister	Thomas Gouldeny	Miles Dixon
Francis Rogers	Wm. Rogers	C. Harford
Edward Martindale	James Wall	C. Jones
Wm. Itheild	Geo. Phips	Erasmus Dole
Jno. Story	Jno. Love	W. Minard
Geo. Gough	Jno. Ware	R. Noakes
Joseph Moore	Jeremy Hignell	Isaac Partridg
Jno. Herne	Jno. Banton	Thos. Browne
Jno. Batho	Wm. James	Tho. Callohill
Wm. Ford		

The 4th of 1st moneth [March 1671/2]

Forasmuch as the child which the widow Parsons would request freinds to take charge off is many yeares younger than her son shee tooke from the care of freinds, therefore freinds doe conclude not to take the care and charge of her younger son upon them.

J. Love & W. Ford are desired to read the paper drawne upp testifyinge against Jno. Buttler: or to take care that it bee read next first day in our publicke meetinge.

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The 4th of 1st month [March] 1671

Accordinge to the order of freinds Richard Vickeris hath produced a sufficient certificate from Elizabeth Bishope ye Elder testifying her assent to the consummatinge a mariage between her

⁸⁵ Added later. The answer, endorsed 1670, is in C.1842 C.17 [139]; B.A.O., SF/A7/4, 1.

niece Elizabeth Bishop & the said Richard, & freinds seeinge no reasonable cause wherefore the publication of their intentions of mariage should bee defer'd doe now give them liberty to cause publicacion thereof to bee made in our publicke meeting as is accustomed.

Present

Dennis Hollister	Fra: Rogers	W. Rogers
Wm. Ford	Theo. Newton	Geo. Gough
Jno. Love	Wm. Lane	W. Itheild
Rich: Vickeris	Tho. Jourdan	J. Cole
Jno. Banton	Jno. Herne	Wm. Noble
Israel Bird	Nicho: Taylor	Jo: Moore
	Erasmus Dole	

The intention of R: Vickeris his mariage with E. Bishop was publisht in publick meetinge house by F. Rogers on the 8th day of 1st mo. 1671.

The 18th of 1st moneth [March] 1671

George White of this citty Carpenter did this day propose his intention of mariage with Mary Masters of this citty widow. & in regard his freind Mary was absent, freinds defer'd the examinacion of the matter till next meeting.

Thomas Weale of Bristoll Marriner and Dorathy Fisher of same place servant to Wm. Yeamans this day did propose their intentions of mariage, & testimony by writing was produced of their parents assent.

Miles Dixon at the request of Eliza: Walker did propose to freinds, whether or no they thought it meet to bee at the charge of puttinge forth Benjamin the son of the said Elizabeth to aprentice, & freinds doe agree to desire the womens meeting to inspect her present outward estate & condicion & also her present state and condicion in relacion to the truth & to report the same to our next meeting.⁸⁶

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Att 1st houre on 5th day next Thomas Gouldeny, John Love, Wm. Yeamans, Richard Marsh, Edward Martindale, Wm. Lane, Erasmus Dole, Charles Harford, Charles Jones, Francis Rogers & Thomas Callohill, or the major number of them are desired to meet, then & there to inspect & state all accounts relatinge to publick stock & if any other freind are desirous with them to inspect the same, they have liberty there to meet & inspect ye accounts with them.

⁸⁶ The report, dated 25 March [1672], is in C.1842 C.17 [139]; B.A.O., SF/A7/4, 59.

Dennis Hollister	Tho. Gouldeny	Miles Dixon
Wm. Ford	Francis Rogers	Wm. Rogers
C. Jones	Charles Harford	Jno. Love
Theo: Newton	W. Yeamans	Tho. Brown
James Steridge	Joseph Moore	Wm. James
W. Itheild	Geo. Gough	Jno. Batho
Wm. Lane	Jno. Ware	James Wall
Jno. Hardiman	James Cole	Tho. Callohill
Tho. Watkins	J. Hignell	

1st of 2d moneth [April] 1672

Freinds doe agree to advance the summ of six pounds for the putting forth Benjamin the son of Elizabeth Walker to apprentice unto Richard Hellier of this citty Smith. C. Harford, Fra: & William Rogers are desired to treat with the said Richard Hellier, to see if peradventure hee may abate any thinge of that summ, and also to see him bound & bringe his indentures to freinds that they may keepe them.

George White and Mary Masters did this day propose their intentions of mariage and inasmuch as wee finde Mary Masters hath two children freinds doe judge it expedient to inspect the estate of the said Mary, that so freinds [p. 33a] (as much as in them lyes) may bee instrumentall that her children may, in its proper season enjoy that proportion thereof as is just and equall. And its the judgement of freinds that for the future the like care be taken in the like cases relatinge to orphanes.⁸⁷ Its referd to John Love and whom hee thinkes fitt to take with him to treat with Mary Masters touchinge that matter.

According to the order of freinds, Thomas Gouldeny, Francis Rogers, C: Jones, John Love, Thomas Callohill, Wm. Lane, Edward Martindale and Erasmus⁸⁸ did on the 21th of the last moneth meet at the meetinge house and did then and there examine all accounts relating to publicke Stocke and they then found that there was foure pounds nine shillings six pence due to Charles Harford and Wm. Ford the present Treasurers, when all monyes subscribed is paid and debts satisfied that are now owinge.

William Ford, Miles Dixon, Charles Jones, I. Bird, John Love, John Ware, Francis Rogers, Theo: Newton, Wm. Itheild, & T. Watkins are desired to speake to as many freinds as they thinke fitt to meet on our next meeting day, that so wee may have a large meetinge in order to a Collection.

Thomas Gouldeny [column 1]	C. Harford	[col. 2]
D. Hollister	Jno. Love	
R. Vickeris	Tho: Watkins	
W. James	Theo. Newton	
James Cole	Jno. Ware	

⁸⁷ A. N. Brayshaw, *Personality of George Fox*, (1933), 126 n3.

⁸⁸ i.e. Erasmus Dole.

Miles Dixon
Geo. Phips

James Moore
Tho: Jourdan

Fra: Rogrs.
Nath. Day
Isra. Bird
Tho. Brown
Jno. Dole
Wm. Ford
Jno. Batho

[col. 3]

Wm. Itheild
Eras: Dole
C. Jones
J. Steridge
Jno. Herne
W. Rogers

[col. 4]

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15th of 2d Month [April] 1672

According to the order of friends last meeting, John Love hath made inquiry into the outward estate & condition of Mary Masters & hee doth understand that her outward estate is very little & that also incumbered & therefore freinds doe not thinke fitt to take any further notice as to that matter, & they finding no cause wherefore her mariage with Geo: White should bee obstructed they have liberty to cause the publication thereof to bee made in our publick meeting house as is usuall.

Thomas Weale & Dorathy Fisher are permitted to cause the intentions of their mariage to bee publisht in our publicke meeting as soone as they shall thinke convenient.

Benjamin James & Ann North widow's did this day propose their intentions of mariage according to the way and order of freinds. Enquiry hath been made concerninge the Widow Norths two children & the meeting is informed by F: & W. Rogers that a will was made & that they beleive due care wilbee taken for performance of the will.

A publicke collection is this day concluded to bee propagated amongst freinds for the publick services of the truth. Jno. Batho & Geo. Gough are desired to collect ye subscriptions of freinds.

Present

Thomas Gouldeny [column 1]
Thomas Callohill
Richard Marsh
Wm. Lane
Thomas Kill
Morgan Lamb
John Pricket
William Minor

Wm. Rogers [col. 2]
Fra. Rogers
Thomas Whittern
Wm. James
Geo. Phipps
Wm. Ford
James Steridge
John Dole

Wm. Yeamans	[col. 3]	Charles Harford	[col. 4]
Jno. Love		Charles Jones	
J. Coles		Richard Vickris	
Wm. Taylor		Thomas Jourdan	
Rowland Dole		Jeremy Hignell	
Jno. Hardiman		John Ware	
Andrew Gale		John Banton	

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29th of 2d month [April] 1672

Upon inquiry farther concerninge the care to bee taken for the performance of the widow Norths late husbands will so far forth as it relates to the portions of his two children, the Meeting is satisfied by F: & W: Rogers that due care wilbee taken on that behalfe and therefore Benjamin James (whose request this day was that his intentions of mariage with the said widow might bee published) is permitted to cause such his intentions of mariage to bee publisht in our publicke Meeting house.

John Batho and Geo. Gough are ordered to deliver the mony collected for publick services of truth to Charles Harford and Wm. Ford treasurers, & to perfect the collection against next meeting.

Present

Tho. Gouldeney	Miles Dixon	Erasmus Dole
Francis Rogers	Wm. Rogers	Jno. Love
Wm. Itheild	Jeremy Hignell	Israel Bird
Wm. Lane	Rich: Vickeris	Richard Marsh
James Wall	Tho. Jourdan	Jno. Banton
Rich. Merse		

Be it remembred that the intention of marriage betwene George White & Mary Masters was published the 26th of the 2th month 1672, per Tho. Watkins.

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13th of 3d month [May] 1672

It is this day in the unity of freinds agreed that on every first day for the future next after this first day coming there shalbee two meetinges of freinds held within this city for to worship the Lord in the spirit and in the truth, viz. one in the mourninge to begin exactly at the nineth houre at our Meetinge house in Temple street. The other at the first houre in the afternoon att our new Meeting house in the Friars. William Ford is desired to publish the contents of this order on the next first day, in the publick meeting of freinds. Charles Harford and Wm. Ford are desired to provide necessary benches &c. for the meeting house in Temple street.

[*Crossed through:*] Wm. Lane and Nath. Day are desired to enquire into the conversacion of Samuell Cotterell for that hee expects a certificate from us relating to his orderly walking amongst us in order to a mariage with a freinde of Frenchaw meeting.

⁸⁹They made enquiry, upon which there was a certificate given to him the 10th of the 4th moneth, 1672.⁹⁰

[Present:]

Morgan Watkins	Dennis Hollister	Wm. Lane
Miles Dixon	Tho. Browne	Nath. Daye
Tho. Gouldney	Wm. Brand	Jer. Higgnell
C. Bacon	John Love	Wm. James
Tho. Jordan	Thomas Watkins	Ch. Jones
Wm. Ithield	Israell Bird	Richard Meerse
Ch. Harvord	Jno. Bathoe	Tho. Callowhill
James Cole	Wm. Ford	Eras. Dole
Jno. Higgins	Geo. Gough	Wm. Roggers
Jno. Pricket	Jno. Weare	

[p. 35a] 27th of 3d month [May] 1672

10th of 4th month [June] 1672

the 24th of the 4th month [June] 1672

Wm. Ford, William Lane, Thomas Watkins, Jno. Weare, Joseph Moore, & Thomas Callowhill are desired to look out about the midltyme of the meeting on the next two first dayes to discover what boyes are there harbouring about the meeting house at playe or any other unseemly behaveour and to give a report thereof the next meeting.

⁸⁹ye 8th of 5th month. The friends above named haveing given an account to this meeting of severall friends childeren & servants that were disorderly out of the meeting are desired to Informe the masters & parrents thereof & desire them to take care to prevent it for the time to come.

This meeting being in a weighty sence of their neglect for the tyme past in not soe effectually reproveing the miscarriages of some that profess truth and frequent our meetings, and particularly of the greate dishonour that hath been brought upon the truth and people of god by the goeing of som to the priests to be marryed, notwithstanding there hath been by us a publicke testimony given forth and read publickly in the meeting against it. Wee doe now againe with one concent in the feare of the lord resolve with all the strength & wisdom that god shall give us to be more dilligent for the time to come and indeaver to put a stopp to all such miscarriages by

⁸⁹ Added later.

⁹⁰ C.1842 C.6 [105]; B.A.O., SF/A7/8, li, copy of certificate of clearance for marriage, addressed to Frenchay Men's Meeting, on behalf of Samuell Cotterell of Bedminster.

admonition, privat & publicke reproofes in long suffering and patience towards them, after which if they repent not and owne their condemnation to the cleareing of truth, it is resolved with one concent that Friends will give forth a paper publickly against them without respect of persons, that gods name and truth and us his people may be cleare of them.

[*Crossed through:*] Wm. James, William Ithield, & Charles Harvord being free to speake with James Frye & his wife concerning their marriage, are desired to give an account thereof to this meeting.

⁹¹They spake with him once.

Wm. Foord	John Rowet	John Bathoe
Wm. Lane	Charles Harvord	Tho. Browne
D. Hollister	Richard Vickeris	John Baunton
Miles Dixson	Tho. Jordan	Geo. Gough
Erasmus Dole	John Weare	Wm. Dawson
William Ithield	John Prickett	William James
John Love	Israell Bird	James Wilson
Tho. Hill ⁹²	Tho. Callowhill	Tho. Wilson.

[*Crossed through:*] Jno. Weare, & Thomas Wilsone to speake wth. Andrew Gale touching his marriage.

Before 8th of 5th month.

⁹¹They spake with them, & not haveing satisfaction are desired to speake with them againe.

[*Crossed through:*] Wm. Lane & Erasmus Dole to speake with William Powell touching his marriage.

⁹¹The 8th of 5th month 72. They hath spoken with him & not haveing satisfaction are free to speake with him againe.

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The 8th of the 5th moneth [July] 1672

The beneath recited order from the Generall meeting was read, and approved, and ordered to be recorded, and that neare three moneths before the said time the said order be againe read in this meeting that provision may be made accordingly.

At a generall meeting of Friends for managing the publique affaires of truth throughout the nation held at Deavonshire house London the 29th of ye 3d moneth 1672.

It is concluded agreed and assented unto by Friends then present that for the better ordering manageing & regulateing of the publique affaires of friends relating to the truth and the service thereof, There be a generall meeting of Friends held at London once a yeare in the weake called Whiteson weeke to consist of six Friends for the

⁹¹ Added later.

⁹² Probably Thomas Kill is meant.

citty of London, three for the citty of Bristoll, two for the towne of Colechester, and one or two from each and every of the countyes of England and Wales respectively.

That the Quarterly meetings in London, Bristoll, Colchester and all and every the countys of England and Wales respectively at their Quarterly meetings immediately preceeding the said weeke called whiteson weeke in every yeare doe take care to nominate and appoynt the number of Friends afforesaid to be present at the generall meeting afforesaid, there to advise about the publique affaires of Friends through out the nation.

That the friends soe to be chosen for the purpose aforesaid be desired to be at London by the Second day at night of the whiteson week soe called in every yeare at farthest, and that upon their arivall there, the six Friends for the citty of London togeather with a competent number of the other friends of the Country may then ascertaine and appoynt the time and place for the then meeting of the said Generall meeting some time in the said weeke called Whiteson Weeke in every yeare accordingly untill further order be taken therein. That as many Friends that labour in the truth as have freedome thereunto may be present at the said Generall meeting.

That all others except such as nominated apoynted and chosen by the quarterly meetings as afforesaid be desired to forbear comeing to the said Generall Meeting except such Friends as they when mett togeather shall see meet to admitt.

That Copies hereof be sent to the respective quarterly meetings throughout England and Wales there to be recorded in their books for their better Regulation in this matter.

This day a letter from the Generall Meeting at London concerning a Collection for publique services beyond seas & elcewhere, was read, and reffered to a lardger meeting of Friends which is desired to be the first mens meeting after the fayre.

D. Hollister	[column 1]	Geo. Gough	[col. 2]
Tho. Goldney		Geo. Phipps	
Jno. Love		Wm. James	
Ch. Harvord		Jno. Baunton	
Wm. Ithield		Tho. Browne	
Jer. Hignell		Jno. Weare	
Tho. Wilson		Wm. Maynard	
Rich. Vickeris	[col. 3]	Jno. Hort	[col. 4]
Wm. Foord		Jno. Higgins	
Tho. Watkins			
Jos. Moore			
Wm. Noble			
Tho. Callowhill			
Eras. Dole			

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22th of 5th Moneth [July] 1672

5th of 6th Month [August] 1672⁹³

Upon the reading of a letter in this Meeting on the 8th of last moneth directed to us from the Generall Meeting at London & recommending to our consideracion the distressed condicion of one Geo. Embry a freind in truth, & liver in the town of Southampton who by a suden fire lost all hee had. Freinds did then agree to promote a publick collection for him & left it to the consideracion of another Meeting apointed for that purpose to settle the same, who agreed that it should bee publisht in our publicke meeting house, & that Charles Harford & John Love should collect and receive such sums as should bee contributed to this service.

Thomas Callohill is desired to speake [to] John Love & Charles Harford to perfect the Collection for Geo. Embre.

19th of 6th Moneth [August] 1672

According to the desire of the freinds at last meeting Charles Harford and John Love doe report that they have perfected the Collection for Geo. Embre, which by their account appears to bee one hundred forty two pounds, 5/s. 9d. which sumn lyes in the custody of Charles Harford and Jno. Love, & they are desired to remit it into the hands of Edward Mann att the Goulden Lyon in Bishopgate street London.

Upon the reading of a letter from severall freinds of Somerset signed in the name and by the appointment of the generall Meeting on ye behalfe of John Coate who lately [p. 37] suffered some losse by fire, wee (having lately Contributed very considerably to the necessities of George Embre whose condicion was represented to us from the Generall Meeting at London) thought it unseasonable now to concerne ourselves in this matter, & doe desire D. H., T. G., W. Y. [Dennis Hollister, Thomas Gouldney, William Yeamans], or any one or two of them to write answer to said letter according as to them or either of them shall seem meet.

D. Hollister	John Hale	James Cole
Wm. Dawson	Wm. Minard	Wm. Ford
Erasmus Dole	Theophilus Newton	Tho. Callohill
Wm. Rogers	Joseph Moore	Tho. Wilson
Israel Bird	Wm. Lane	Jno. Batho
Thomas Browne	John Weare	
John Love	Wm. James	
Tho. Jourdan	Geo. Gough	

⁹³ There is no corresponding minute to record the fact, but C.1842 C.6 [105]; B.A.O., SF/A7/8, li, has copy of certificate of clearance for marriage, 5 Aug. 1672, on behalf of Mary Crump, a servant, intending to marry Henry Harte of London, addressed to the Men's Meeting in the city of London.

2th of the 7th moneth [September] 1672

Elizabeth Pyott & Mary North by orders of the weomens meeting signified their request to us, to assist them in the reliefe of John Clarke and Abel Chandler whose nessesities at this present requires reliefe beyond what they are well capeable off.

This meeting doe therefore order Charles Harvord to pay Five pounds out of the publick stock to Eliz. Pyott or Mary North to be dillivered to the weomens meeting, to be disposed by them as they shall see meet.

Tho. Goldney	Tho. Jordan	William Lane
Charles Harvord	John Weare	Jer. Hignell
William Foord	Theoph. Newton	William Noble
Jno. Love	Isaac Pateridge	George Gough
Erasmus Dole	Rich. Vickeris	James Cole
Jno. Bathoe	Joseph More	William James
Edward Martendale	Tho. Watkins	Charles Jones
		Tho. Callowhill

The 16th of 7th Moneth [September] 1672

D. Hollister	Eras. Dole	George Gough
Wm. Ithield	Rich. Vickeris	John Weare
Nath. Daye	Isr. Bird	Edw. Martendale
Jno. Dole	Jno. Bathoe	William Rogers
Charles Jones	Jos. Moore	Tho. Callowhill

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The 30th of the 7th month [September] 1672

According to the request of Friends, Charles Harvord and John Hardiman haveing dillivered to John Brook the paper that was drawne up against him, Jno. Brooks this day presented himselfe to this meeting and confest himselfe guilty of the crimes mentioned in the paper & signified his willingness as he shall receive strength & abillity from the lord to become a new man & disowne & give a publike testimony against it to redeem the reproach that he hath brought upon the truth, and desires friends that for the present they would forbear the publishing thereof. In answere to which desire, friends have signified to him their intent to forbear present publishing of the said paper, expecting him to be here againe the next meeting.

14th of 8th month [October] 1672

The 28th of the 8th moneth [October] 1672

11th of the 9th Month [November] 1672

A collection for the publicke services of truth was this day concluded to bee propagated amongst freinds, and Jno. Batho and Wm. Itheild are ordered to perfect the Collection against next Meetinge.

25th of 9th Month [November] 1672

Upon the readinge of a letter directed to the freinds of this meetinge from the friends of Rosse in their monethly meetinge assembled concerning diverse miscarriages of Thomas Browne of this citty. wee finde:

1st. That they charge him, that upon a difference between him and Jno. Cater aboute some small matter of mony, hee repaired to the magistrates & made the matter as odious against the freind as hee could, concerning which being askt hee confest that hee repaired to the magistrates [p. 38] & that the debt hee demanded was but 2/s. 9d.

2ly. That Thomas Browne said to a freind whome freinds of Rosse doe assist that hee must say as other freinds said for hee was an almes man which Thomas Browne confest also.

Many other things wherewith hee is by said letter charged hee denyes; and whereas freinds of Rosse in said letter charges that Thomas Browne accused our mens meeting to some freinds of Rosse of being partiall in our proceedings, & said if a poore freind come hee was not regarded but if a rich freind brought anything before freinds that past or words to that purpose; to which his answers were not positively denying, but evading a plaine answer the most hee could.

Hee further charges all of those freinds except two who subscribed the letter from Rosse as if they were unworthy freinds & that their testimony is not to bee received, though a good testimony for them was given amongst us by John Moone of our citty who hath knowledge of them; for which cause, & for that wee know him to bee of a buissy minde, of a darke understanding & of little sense in the truth, wee have all one by one judged him unmeet to frequent our mens Meetinge, & therefore have desired him to forbear assembling with us in this our mens Meetinge untill such tyme the freinds of this Meetinge are satisfied concerning his worthynes to come amongst us.

Wm. Gibson	[column 1]	D. Hollister	[col. 2]
Wm. Rogers		Wm. Ford	
Wm. Itheild		Tho. Watkins	
Edward Martindale		Ph: Hollister	
Rich. Vickeris		Ch: Harford	
John Moone		Jno. Ware	
Geo. Gough		Wm. James	
Jno. Batho			
Erasmus Dole		F: Rogers	[col. 4]
Tho. Gouldeny	[col. 3]	Nath: Day	
Tho. Jourdan		Jer: Hignel	
Isaac Partridg		Wm. Minard	
Theophilus Newton			
Tho. Callohill		Israel Bird	
Joseph Moore		Steph: Smith	

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9th of 10th Moneth [December] 1672

Charles Harford and Wm. Ford are ordered to remitt out of the publick stocke the summ of thirty pounds into the hands of Gerard Roberts, Gilbert Laity, Edward Man, John Nelson, & Arthur Cooke or any one of them, beinge toward the publick services of freinds beyond the seas & other publick charges for the services of the truth which concernes the nation in generall, & is in answer to a letter sent us from Geo. Whitehead & severall other freinds dated from Devonsheir house London the 29th of 3d moneth last.

William Ford at the request of Margaret Thomas proposed to this meeting whether or no freinds would bee willinge to assist Margaret Thomas in putting forth her son an apprentice to Mary Westfeild. The answer of the Meeting was that twas proper first to inspect her condicion and necessity of our assistance & then to take the case proposed into consideracion, & to that end Jno. Love, Thomas Callohill, Wm. Ford, Erasmus Dole and William Rogers are desired to inspect her condition and give an account thereof the next meetinge.

This day John Batho and William Itheild brought in their account of the last Collection for the services of the truth which amounts unto the summ of One hundred & one pounds eighteen shillings, which said summ they are ordered to pay into the treasurers Charles Harford and William Ford.

Phillip Higinbotom of Bedminster Millaner & Katharine Lewis of the same place Widow did this day propose their intentions of mariage, and a certificate was produced under the hand of John Higinbottom father to the said Phillip signifyinge his and his wives [p. 39] assent unto the said mariage.

Dennis Hollister	Francis Rogers	Wm. Rogers
Erasmus Dole	Edward Martindale	Tho: Watkins
William Dawson	Wm. Ford	Nath: Day
Wm. Itheild	Isaac Partridge	Wm. Minar
James Cole	Jno. Love	Charles Jones
Charles Harford	⁹⁴ Wilson	Geo. Phips
Jno. Batho	Wm. Noble	Israel Bird
Thomas Jourdan	Jno. Weare	Rich: Vickeris
George Gough	Tho. Callohill	

The 23d of ye 10th moneth [December] 1672

Wheras on Phillip Higginbotham his second proposall of marriage with Katheren Lews there is som stop upon their proceedings, by reason that there is noe provision made to secure the said Katheren in her estate in case she survive him the said Phillip. It is therefore the desire of this meeting that Thomas Gouldney, Edward Martendale, Charles Jones, John Love, & William Foord or any three of

⁹⁴ Blank left in the original.

them doe consider togeather and advise with the said Phillip & Katheren, in order to find out and settle the same as they with the advice and consent of Thomas Speed shall see meete.

5th of 11th month [January] 1672

John Virick by a paper made his request to this meeting to suply him with som stock to begin his trade againe, butt Friends not accounting the said John Virick soe faithfull a friend as one whom they are oblidged to take such care of as to see him suplyed, doe therefore reject his sayd paper. Yet for the present nessesity that his famely may not perish for want, friends doe therefore appoynt Charles Harvord, & William Foord to disburst Twenty shillings out of the publike stock for his releife, at tymes as they shall see meete.

Wheras it is reported from Virginia that som of our Bristoll friends hath of late by their unfaithfull walkeing there dishonoured the truth. In regard wee have noe particuler charge, Friends therefore have indeavored to speake with those friends in generall that are concerned in trade there, adviseing them to be curcomspect that noe such occation be given for time to come; but for as much as all such is not here present, Charles Jones, Ch. Harvord & Jno. Love are desired to speake with Richard Speed, William Harris & William West & to signify the like desire to them.

Also, ordered that Charles Harvord & Wm. Ford disburst Five pounds out of the publike stock towards settling Isaac the son of Margret Thomas an apprentice, and that they take care to see his indentures duly drawne & signed upon payment of the money.

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the 20th of the 11th month [January] 1672

Thomas Goldnie & Willm. Ford is desired to speake with Ed. Erberie & to make inquire of him conserning the behavie of Richard Gottlie in Virginia & if they see itt meet to desire him to be here the next meeting.

In Bristoll 17th of xiith Month [February] 1672

Georg Cole of Winterburne and Christobell Jennings of this citty did this day signify to this meeting their intentions of mariage, desiring that with the consent of the meeting those their intentions might be accomplished.

Phillyip Higginbottom on his third tyme desireing the consent of this meeting for the publication of his mariage with Katherine Lewis, and friends being satisfied from those that were appointed that sufficient provision is made on the behalfe of said Katherine: for a subsistence in case she shall survive him; they have permitted the publication therof.

Edward Martindale is desired to take any other friend along with him, and to speake to Richard Gottley to signifye friends desire that he do attend this meeting the next meeting.

Present at the meeting

Thomas Gouldney	Francis Rogers	Charles Harvord
Israell Bird	John Love	Thomas Callowhill
John Bathoe	Geo: Gough	Erasm. Dole
Rich. Vickris	Wm. Ford	Thomas Jordan
Richd. Sneed	Wm. James	Wm. Maynard
Thomas Willson	John Weare	

3d of 1st Moneth [March] 1672

Bee it remembred that the intention of Phillip Higginbottom's mariage with Katharine Lewis was publisht in our publicke meetinge house the 21th day of 12th month last amongst many people then and there assembled.

George Cole of Winterburne & Christobell Jennings of Bristoll havinge already proposed their intentions of mariage once before, are this day permitted to cause the publicacion thereof to be made amongst freinds in their publicke Meeting house, for that nothing appeares as cause wherefore their mariage should bee obstructed, effectuall certificates & testimony of the consent of parents having been produced.

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Whereas there hath been some neglect in bringinge in the births of the children of freinds to the Womens meetinge to the entent that they may be recorded, Erasmus Dole at the request of freinds hath undertaken to manage that service, and for the better accomplishment thereof the advice of freinds is, that Erasmus Dole speake to his wife, or some other woman freind usually frequentinge the Womens Meetinge to undertake the charge and care of enquiring every womens meeting amongst the freinds thereof, Whether they know of any freind lately delivered, & if they shalbee inform'd that there hath been any, then that the Womens Meetinge doe undertake to give the charge of bringing in the names of such births to the Womens meetinge unto some particular person or persons among them, to the entent that Erasmus Dole may receive the names of all births from them, & record the same in an orderly forme accordingly, & that in asmuch as there are many spaces in the booke of records left blanke, Erasmus Dole at the request of freinds undertakes that what is already recorded shalbee transcrib'd anew.

17th of ye First month [March] 1672/3

Jno. Brooke haveing been spoken with, as apeare 30th of 7th month 1672, and not haveing yet given satisfaction to the meeting, William James, William Ithield & Thomas Callowhill or any two of them are desired to spake with John Brooke againe, and to let him know that he hath not yet given the meeting satisfaction touching the matter discourced on.

William Rogers is desired to draw up a paper against the deceit of Charles Woodward, and to informe Joseph Adlam (who as friends are informed doth imploy him) that friends disownes him as a deceitfull person & warne him to beware of him.

Be it remembred that the intention of marriage between Geo. Cole & Christobell Jenings was published in the publique meeting the 7th day of the first month by William James.

[p. 40a] 31th of 1st month [March] 1673

Thomas Watkins appointed to speak with John Brookes once more & to acquaint him that the meeting inclines to put the buissines relating to him unto a full issue if they receive not somewhat effectuell from him for the clearing of truth.

Whereas by a former order no person ought to be permitted buryall amongst freinds unles they have first obtained leave from Charles Harford, Thomas Gouldeny, Wm. Ford, Wm. Lane, Joseph Moore, &c., or one of them, freinds doe now order the said persons, together with Dennis Hollister & John Love, Charles Jones and Thomas Watkins & Israel Bird to bee carefull not to admitt buryall to any who since their profession of truth have gon to the preist for mariage unles they have first condemned such their practices to the satisfaction of freinds of this meetinge.

⁹⁵see more 89.

Thomas Gouldeny, Wm. Ford & Wm. Rogers are desired by freinds to attend this yeare the generall yeerly meeting of friends in London, there to assist (on the behalfe of the freinds of the city of Bristoll) in transacting those things which necessarily shall relate to the publick affaires of truth, & are desired by the next meeting to give in their answers whether they will goe or not.

14th of 2d month [April] 1673

Whereas John Brookes hath sent into this Meeting a paper judging and condemning his former evill conversacion, which not having so universall a relacion to those persons, parts & places where his miscariages have been manifest, as wee suppose his intentions may bee that it should, Charles Harford, Thomas Callohill, & Thomas Watkins are desired to visit him [p. 41] againe, & if they finde that from a sense of his former loose conversacion hee hath ought upon him to cleare the reproach which by reason of him hath been cast upon the truth, then they also are desired to assist the said J: B: to draw up the sense of what hee hath already written, or may bee upon his spirit, in a more effectual forme & manner.

⁹⁶The said paper was perfected & brought in the 28th of the 2d moneth.

⁹⁵ Added later. See 7 Mar. 1680/1.

⁹⁶ Added later.

Thomas Gouldeny, Wm. Ford & Wm. Rogers, according to the desire of freinds at last meetinge, are made free to serve the truth & freinds in goinge up this yeare to the generall yeerely meeting at London.

Erasmus Dole is desired to draw out the paper against Charles Woodward faire and to read it in the publick Meeting of freinds on the next first day in the afternoone.

The 28th of ye Second moneth [April] 1673

It is ordered that the paper given forth against Charles Woodward be sent unto the monethly meetings in the county of Gloucester Somerset Wilts & Monmothshire & as many other places as shall be thought meet by Dennis Hollister, William James & Tho. Callowhill or any two of them, who also or any two of them are desired to write a letter therewith to the friends of each county, in which they may as they doe think meete farther informe friends of the gross inequities of the said Charles Woodward.

Friends doe unanimously agree to inlardge the meetinghouse over the bridge, & doe referr it to William Ford, James Cole & Charles Jones to contrive, agree for, & perfit the inlardgment at the publique cost of friends according as in their descresions they shall see meete, which they are desired to perfitt with all expedition.

[p. 41a] 12th of ye 3d month [May] 1673

Wheras the last meeting Jno. Brooke hath given in a paper of condemnation against himselfe, John Weare & Thomas Callowhill are desired to send a copie of the said paper to some friends in Warminster to be desperst there as they shall see a service in it. And to provide one other copie to be likewise desperst in and about this citty.

26th of the 3d month [May 1673]

Tho. Callowhill informes that according to the above order there is one paper sent towards Warmi[n]ster, & this meeting desires him to draw out two other copies of the said paper & send them to Joseph Moore & Tho. Watkins, whoe hath undertaken to desperse them about this citty, where they shall see a service in it.

⁹⁷9th of 4th month. Tho. Callowhill reports he hath don according to the above order.

William Wallis of this citty shoemaker and Ann Amos this day manefested their intention of marriage, & Ann Amos Widow mother of the said Ann was here present & signified her concent to their marriage. The said William is advised to procure a certificate of his mothers concent.

[*Crossed through.*] Elenor Saunder Widdow late the wife of Thomas Saunders of this citty trancelater hath made request to

⁹⁷ Added later.

this meeting to assiste her with money to place her son Thurston Saunders an aprentice to Edward Tippet shoemaker. The consideration thereof is referred unto the next meeting.

Friends considering the very greate inconveniency in rude boyes sitting in the gallery next above the back dore in the greate meeting-house to the greate disturbance not only of friends that sit thereabouts but also of friends that minester there; and inasmuch as som may not well be kept out and others admitted in, Friends doe now unanimously agree that all friends shall be desired for tyme to come to forbid their children of goeing there, and otherwise indeaver to discouradge all ladds in sitting there.

And doe farther desire that the same order may bee observed in the farthest low gallerye of the meetinghouse in Templestreete. John Weare and William Myneard are desired to give notice to the parents of those children that use to thrust in there.

Thomas Watkins, Joseph Moore & William Lane are desired for one moneth next following on first dayes to observe such boyes that is rude and play in or neare the meeting house, & to informe their parents thereof and to take such other reasonable lawfull cource with them as by their descretion they shall see meete for the remedy thereof.

[*Crossed through:*] Charles Jones haveing brought into this Meeting Ten pounds from Joan Dixson Widdow it being the gift of Miles Dixon her late husband by his will to be disposed to poore friends. The said Charles Jones is desired to dilliver the same to Charles Harford or William Ford to be by them keptt till Employed to the intended use.

[*In margin:*] 9th of 4th month. Wee find that the same 10 li. is to be disposed by his executors & overseers, & that it was Charles Jones's mistake in the bringing of it to this meeting.

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The 9th of the 4th month [June] 1673

William Ithield and Rebecka Cowling proposed their intention of marriage and brought a certificate of his mothers concent.

William Wallis brought in a paper certifieing his mothers concent to his marriage with Ann Amoss. The said William hath concent of this meeting to publish such his intentions in our publike meeting on any sixth daye as he shall see meete.

[*Crossed through:*] Upon discourse of the former proposall of Elenor Saunders it is signified by some present that Thomas Saunders her late husband did formerly joyne with Mildred in open opposition and abuse to friends. Wherefore friends doe appoynt Richard Vickeris, William James & John Dole to make inquiry how farr hir husband showed his repentance for the same. They also are desired to procure som information from the weomens meeting of what they know of the state & condition of the said Widdow Saunders.

This meeting finding occasions to raise some moneys for publike stock desires that there be a speedy Collection made: and that all the friends present at this meeting doe not only attend the next meeting, but that they doe desire their neighbouring friends to attend it also, to the end the said Collection may be forwarded the next meeting by a full meeting.

23d of the 4th month [June] 1673

Bee it remembred that the intention of marriage between William Wallis & Ann Amos was published in our publike meeting by John Weare the 13th of 4th month 1673, & nothing apeareing worthy to obstruct their marriage they are left to their freedome to consummate their marriage when they shall see meete.

Wm. Mainard, Tho: Callowhill & John Saunders silkeweaver are desired for one moneth next following on first dayes to observe such boyes that are rude and play in or neare the Meetinghouse and to informe their parents thereof, and to take such other reasonable lawfull cource with them as by their descretion they shall see meete for the remedy thereof.

Friends doe appoynt that Twenty shillings be given out of the publike stock to John Verick for his present releife.

A Collection being now concluded on to be propagated for the publick services of truth, Thomas Watkins & John Bathoe are desired to receive of such friends as are free to contribute thereunto the summe they subscribe.

Dennis Hollister, Tho. Gouldney, William Roggers, William Foord, Charles Harford, John Love, Edward Martendale, Tho: Callowhill & Charles Jones, or any six of them are desired to examine & make inspection into the writeings concerneing our publike meeting houses & burying yards, and in regard that severall of our former Trustees are dead they are to order & setle the same concerneing in the trusts of such persons & with such provisions as that the same may be preserved to the use of Friends as neare as may be without hazard or inconveniencies.

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The 7th of the 5th month [July] 1673

It is desired that Francis Rogers will convey copies of the papers given forth against Charles Woodward to the friends of the mens meetinge of the province of Munster & desire them to disperss copies of them through the nation of Ireland.

Bee it remembred that a letter be written from this meeting to friends of the generall meeting in the province of Maryland desiring them if any miscarriages worthy of information hapen amongst them by any that profess the truth & belong to our meeting, that they will give a right information of the same to this meeting, & that the same letter be directed to John Gary, William Cole, Wm. Richardson, & James Preston & Thomas Taylor & John Mearce

upon the Cliffts in Potoxon.

And also that the like letter be written to Virginia directed from this meeting to Wm. Yarwood, Wm. Denson, Tho. Jordan &
⁹⁸Porter.

⁹⁹Which soone after was effected, see next page.

The 21st day of the 5th Month [July] 1673

William Ford is desired to give notice in the meeting the next sixth day, that it is appointed that the next first day there be a meeting in this meeting house in the morning: and another in the afternoone and likewise two meetings at the meeting house in Templestreete, the same day.

James Coles, William Itheild, George Phipps haveing profered themselves to thes meeting to take upon them the care of preventing the disorders of the boyes and rude people in and about the meeting houses for one months tyme next comeing; the meeting have accepted thereof, and desires their diligent care in the same.

[*Crossed through:*] William James haveing signified to this meeting that it is apparent that Elinor Saunders had two husbands in being before the death of her late husband Thomas Sander; (the former of which for ought he can understand is yet alive) therfore freinds do unanimously accord that she is not a fit object for to be assisted with mony by friends for (or towards) the placeing of her son forth as an apprintice; and that the former orders made the 12th of the 3 month; and ye 9th of the 4th month relateing to her are to be annuld: & Richard Vickris is desired to signify the same to her.

The 4th of the 6th month [August] 1673

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The 18th of the 6th month [August] 1673

D. H. [Dennis Hollister], T. Goldney, & Thomas Callowhill are desired to take the care to write and send two letters to Virginia & Maryland according to the intencion of the meeting the 7th of the 5th month last. They are also desired to mind to answeere the desire of G. F. [George Fox] in sending those books to the persons he hath named in a paper now brought in & returned into the costody of Jno. Bathoe.

¹All which was performed.

In performance of the former order of the meeting² 17th of 5th month last wee had consideration of the publicke reading of the Generall testimonys given forth from the men & weomens meeting,

⁹⁸ Blank left in the original; probably John Porter.

⁹⁹ Added later; see 18 Aug. 1673. This activity follows the arrival of George Fox from America, 28 June, 1673, *Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 39; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.*, II. 250, 259.

¹ Added later.

² The monthly meeting of men and women Friends, 17 July 1673, C.1842 C.2 [96]; B.A.O., SF/A7/2. See also *SPQ* 312, and 275 n.2.

and after the reading thereof amongst us, a liveing sence of gods presents sprung up in our hearts, & a testimony that many of us hath not walked faithfully to that testimony given forth by us, therefor its judged convenient by this meeting to refer the consideration of it to our monethly meeting of men & weomen friends that soe wee may in the same liveing spirit of truth, joyne togeather in that warke as bretheren & sisters to the through reformation therein.

Joseph Paskall & Mary Wickham this day proposed their intentions of marriage. The said Joseph is advised to procure a certificate of his fathers concent.

the first of the 7th month [September] 1673

William Ithield againe signified his intentions of mariage with Rebecca Cowleing & produced a certificate from friends at Saltford in relation to Rebecca, & all things apeareing cleare betwixt them, they have the aprobaton of this meeting to publish such their intentions in our publick meeting on any sixt day as they shall see meete.

Ulicie Taunton of Wells & Elizabeth Marshall of this citty proposed their intention of marriage, & he hath brought a certificate from Friends of Shepton & Ivelchester that giveth satisfaction as to his conversation.

Thomas Padgett & Jane Brinckworth proposed their intentions of marriage. Hir mother was here present signifying hir husbands & hir owne approbation thereof, & friends in a lardg measure are satisfied of their conversation & orderly proceeding towards their said intention & doe approve thereof, yet for orders sake desires them attend annother meeting in order to have their concent to the publication therof.

[p. 43a] 1th of 7th month [September] 1673

Joseph Paskall the second time signifying his intention of marriage with Mary Wickham & hath brought a certificate of his fathers concent, & all things appearing cleare as far wee know, doe therefore concent that he may cause it to be published in our publick meeting.

This meeting doe direct Thomas Watkins & Jno. Bathoe to pay in the money (they collected according to the appoyntment of the meeting the 23d of ye 4th month last) unto William Foord & Charles Harford for the intended service.

³The sune, being eighty eight pounds twelve shillings, was paid in to them accordingly.

William James & Tho. Jordan is free to attend to keepe the rude boyes in order for the moneth ensuing.

15th of 7th month [September] 1673

Friends haveing a jealousie that John Johns is againe lending an

³ Added later, in another hand.

eare to his imaginations whereby he may be in danger to be hurt by theemie, Thomas Gouldney, John Love, & William Foord are desired to vissit him.

On the second proposall of the intention of marriage between Ulicie Taunton & Elizabeth Marshall things apeareing cleare on their parts, they have the concent of this meeting to make publications of their intentions in our publick meeting on a sixth day.

Thomas Pagget the second tyme proposing his intention of marriage with Jane Brinckworth, things apeareing cleare between them they have the concent of this meeting to make publication of their intentions in our publick meeting on a sixth day.

Friends being informed that Elizabeth Foord, daughter to Katheren Handbury, doth entertaine a young man in relation to marriage that is not a Friend, doe desire W. Rogers & Richard Sneed to vissit the young woman and her mother, and advise them to beaware in that case.

⁴They did, and are desired to vissit them the second tyme.

memorandum The intention off marriage between Joseph Paskall & Mary Wickham was published in the publick meeting by John Weare on the 5th day of ye 7th month 1673.

29th of 7th month [September] 1673

Richard Britten & Margery Fowler this day propos'd their intentions of mariage. Freinds against the next meeting doe expect certificates of their parents assents.

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Whereas the miserable estate of the inhabitants of the towne of Fordinbridge hath been represented to this Meeting, who wee are inform'd have suffered by fire to the value of 13.600 li. wee having our hearts opened to comiserate their distressed condicion, thought meet to request D. H. [Hollister] to move the state of their conditions in our publick Meeting house according as it shalbee upon his heart on the next first day in the afternoon, & to signify then that on the next first day in the afternoone Wm. James, C. Jones, C. Harford & Richard Sneed will attend at the doares to receive the charitable contribucions of freinds.⁵

Bee it remembred that Wm. Ford did on the 12th day of this instant 7th month publish in our publique Meeting the intention of a mariage between Wm. Itheild & Rebecka Cowling.

John Banton and Paull Moone have proferd their care to keep the boyes from disorder as much as they can, and this care to be on them for one month next ensuing.

Be it remembred that Geo. Gough did on the 19th of the 7 month publish the intention of marriage between Ulissie Tanton & Elizabeth Marshall in our publick meeting.

⁴ Added later.

⁵ See *Jnl. F.H.S.* 48 (1958) p. 271; see also minute of 8 Dec. 1673, below.

Also be itt remembred that William Lane did on the 26th day of 7th month 1673 publish the intention of marriage between Thomas Padgett & Jane Brinckworth in our publick meeting.

The 13th of the 8th month [October] 1673

Richard Britton on the second proposall of his intention of marriage with Margery Fowler. Cannonuell Brittan father of the said Richard was here present and signified his free concent thereunto: and also the said Richard brought in a note from Robert Fowler father of the said Margery certifying his consent, and as farr as wee understand things appearing cleare betwixt them, they have the consent of this meeting to publish such their intentions in our publick meeting.

[p. 44a] The 13th of 8th month [October] 1673

Friends desires for the future that when publicacion shall be made in our publick meetings of the intentions of Friends marriages, that the friend that maketh that publicacion shall signify the reason of the publication thereof, which is that if any hath any thing reasonable to object against the intended marriage, they may signify the same to the next mens-meeting.

Thomas Taylard of this citty Cooper & Jane Croome manefested their intention of marriage, but haveing no certificate of their parents assent they are advised to procure a certeficate from each of their parents against their next proposall.

Farther, wheras he the said Tho. Taylard hath in a indirect covertly way taken the othes to the wound of his Conscience, he doe consider to condemne the same & cleare the truth by judging his action therein.

Farther, W. Dawson, Wm. James & William Noble are desired at tymes to vissit Tho. Taylard & by advice & assistant to him to helpe him out of the snare he hath fallen in by his underly dealing in & takeing the oathes.

Wm. Noble is desired to inquiry of Elener Holder of Bishford whether there is any obligation betwixt Tho. Taylard & hir daughter & informe this meeting thereof.

⁶Inquiry was made in relation to Elener Holders daughter & things are cleare.

George Whitehead, Tho: Taylor, & Ch: Marshall being free to spake with Jno. Johns, John Weare & Charles Jones are desired to meete togeather with them tomorrow morneing at the house of Charles Marshall, and thither send for John Johns to spake with him in relation to the danger they feare he is runing into.

William James, Joseph Kippon, Erasmus Dole, William Dawson & James Cole or some of them are desired to receive 5 li. out of publick stock & ride downe to the Pill tomorrow, there to vissitt the

⁶ Added later.

passengers bound for Ireland & that hath related to us their destress & desired our assistance, and if they find their present destress moves them to a present releife & assistance they are desired to dispose any part thereof or all as they shall see meete to their releife.

Bee it remembred that the intention of marriage between Richard Brittan and Margery Fowler was published in our publick meeting by George Gough on the 17th of the 8th month 1673.

[p. 45] 27th of the 8th month [October] 1673

If the porter of Newgate shall continue opening the gates to the benifitt of Friends passing through at the brakeing up of our first dayes meetings, this meeting doe apoynt Charles Harford & William Foord to pay him Five shillings every quarter of the yeare for the same, to begin on the next quarter day with the first payment.

William Frye & Tampson Harrinton proposed their intention of marriage, but for asmuch that Tampson Harrington hath heretofore been under some ingadgment of the like nature to one Thomas Naylour & doth not clearly appear to be discharged therefrom, Friends doe deffer approveing their intended marriage untill they see things clearer betwix the said Tampson & Thomas Naylour.

Charles Harford and William Foord are desired to pay unto Thomas Watkins the summe of Fourteen pounds, being so much by contract dew to him with Samuell Parsons as an apprentice.

John Pricket & Henry Didicat are free for one moneth next comeing to take care to keepe boyes from disorder as much as they can in & about the meeting house.

10th of 9th moneth [November] 1673

[*Crossed through:*] Daniell Neale & Judith Daniell this day propos'd their intention of mariage in the way of friends. A certificate from the womans father is expected against their next proposall thereof, & also a certificate from the mens meetinge of Cainsham concerning the womans conversacion & clearnes from all others &c.

⁷Some dissatisfaction ariseing in the parrents. By concent of all parties concerned they withdraw their intentions and before William Foord, Eras. Dole and William Ithield, did declare themselves to discharge & leave each other free.

Rich: Vickeris, Rich: Sneed & W. Rogers as messengers from the meeting have visited Katharine Handbury's⁸ daughter, who were desir'd to caution her concerning her inclinacion to marry a man not related to the truth, & in asmuch as they declare that they have laid the weight of truth upon her and hath sufficiently counceild & warn'd her, & that notwithstanding shee inclines not to embrace the councill of freinds, wee therefore judge her wayes perverse &

⁷ Added later.

⁸ Handbury's *written above* Fords.

erring from the path of truth, & so having nothing more with us to continue our visits doe desire R. Vickeris, Rich. Sneed & W. Rogers to acquaint her that they disowne her proceedings & that shee must beare her owne burthen & eat the fruit of their own doings.

The same persons are also desir'd to speak with Katharine Handbury the mother concerninge her living from her husband & the cause thereof & to give account thereof next Meeting.

[p. 45a] The 24th of 9th Month [November] 1673⁹

Samuell Gibbons of this citty and Hannah Wall daughter of James Wall of Evesham, this day proposed their Intentions of marriage and presented certificates not only of hir father and mothers concent, but also from friends at Evesham for the conversation & cleareness of the said Hannah from other persons. And forasmuch as wee understand that the said Samuell hath heretofore been concerned with a daughter of Theophilus Newton, John Love & John Horte are desired to spake with Theophelus Nuton and his daughter that they may understand & certifie this meeting how things stands betwixt them.

[*Crossed through:*] This meeting is informed that one Elizabeth White late of Nailsy is now resident in this citty and not dilligent in labour, and friends not well resenting hir departure thence nor resideing here hath desired William Foord & Tho: Callowhill to speake with her and advise her to retorne to her former abroad & follow her labour there, and if she slight and refuse the said advice, then they are desired to correspond with som friends of those parts, that friends of Nailsie may be informed both of her condition here and of the mind of friends here towards her.

Henry Comby of Bedmister & Joan Tylar of this citty proposed their intentions of marriage.

Tis desired that the certificate for mariages be read & considered the next meeting, and if any inconveniency be found in the said forme that a more nessesary may be proposed.

8th of 10th month. It is considered, and agreed to remaine as it is.

8th of the 10th month [December] 1673

Theophilus Newton with John Love & John Hort, informes this Meeting that as to Samuell Gibbons & Theophelos Newtons daughter, there is noe obligation or claime, from, or to, each other.

And upon the said Samuells second proposall of marriage with the said Hannah Wall, things apearig cleare as farr as wee can perceive,

⁹ This meeting sent a letter to Friends in Virginia and Maryland concerning Richard Gotley, enclosing a paper of contrition which he gave in 10 Nov. 1673 [see C.1842 C.2 [96]; B.A.O., SF/A7/2]; copy C.1842 C.3 [98]; B.A.O., SF/A7/3, 19-20; and [B.A.O., SF/C1/1(a)] Bristol MSS. V. 108 (with different signatories).

they are permitted to cause such their intentions to be published in our publick meeting.

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Wee find it remembred in a paper that on the 27th of the 8th month 1673 Friends doe apoynt that the money collected at our meeting dores &c. last first day, being Twenty Fowre pounds one shillinge & eight pence halfepeny, bee by Charles Harford, William James & Charles Jones payd into the hands of Thomas Harris, Apothecary of this citty, & that they with Dennis Hollister take care to see that the said Tho. Harris doe give a sufishant discharge for the same, and that they also doe ablidg him, the said Tho. Harris, on his faithfull promise to give such effectuall notice with the said money to those concerned that the said money may be duly imployed to the releife of the sufferers of Fordenbridge as it is intended by the contributors therunto.

¹⁰Charles Harford &c. hath accordingly taken care & paid the mony.

On the second proposall of marriage between Henry Comely and Joan Tylar, things apeareing cleare on their parts, they have the concent of this meeting to cause such their intentions to be published in our publick meeting.

¹⁰The intention of marriage between Henry Comely & Joan Tylar was published the 12th day of this instant by Israell Bird.

Thomas Gouldney is desired to inclose the letter from friends to the mens meeting of Pontemoyle,¹¹ concerning Richard Hanbury & his wife, unto John Bidle, & desire him to communicate the same to Richard Hanbury before he doth to the mens meeting.

¹⁰22th of 10th month. Tho. Gouldney declares he hath don it according to the desire above written.

22th of ye 10th month [December] 1673

Be it remembred that the intention of marriage between Samuell Gibbons & Hannah Wall was published in our publick meeting by Geo: Gough on the 19th of this instant.

William Davis of this citty weaver and Joan Gerard signified their intentions of marriage.

Tho. Taylard presented to this meeting a paper of condemnation against his takeing the oath, but for the present friends could not soe receive it as to take noe farther notic of his miscarriage.

Thomas Watkins, Rowland Dole, Arthur Sayer & Jno. Higgins are desired to speake to all such young men friends who are out of their tyme & not yet sett up; to bee present at next mens meetinge: that friends may bee enform'd the reasons wherefore they sett not up:

¹⁰ Added later.

¹¹ Copy of letter to Pont-y-moel in C.1842 C.3 [98]; B.A.O., SF/A7/3, 21.

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The 5th of the 11th month [January] 1673

According to the apoyntment of the former meeting seaverall of the young men apeare and have given in their reasons why they set not up, which is severally drawne in a paper.

William Davis againe signified his intention of marriage with Joan Gerrard, & in regard nothing apeare to us worthy to obstruct their marriage they have the concent of this meeting to cause such their ententions to be published in our publick meeting.

¹²The 19th of ye 11th month. Wm. Davis presented himselfe and gave an account that his intended marriage was published by Israel Bird the 9th day of this month.

Tis concented to, that the books that G. F. [George Fox] desired should be sent to the West Indias be at the publick charge of this meeting sent to those persons by him nominated, and for as much as wee have not the books ready, it is therfore proposed to friends present that if any will bring in any of their books, they shall be allowed for the same out of the publick stock

Tho: Gould.[Gouldney] promiseth	x	2
Jno. Love	. . .	1
Erasmus Dole	. . . x	1
Richard Sneed	. . .	1
William Dawson	. . . x	1
Tho. Watkins	. . .	1
Edward Martendale	. . . x	1
Charles Harford	. . . x	1
Wm. Lane	. . . x	1
Theoph. Newton	. . . x	1

A Collection being now concluded on to be propagated for the publick services of truth. Richard Vickeris & Arthur Sayer are desired to receive of such Friends as are free to contribute thereunto the summe they subscribe.

the 19th of 11th month [January] 1673

It is judged convenient that on the next first day the meetings of friends bee at both our meeting houses both in the morneing and after noone at the usuall houre & Israell Bird is desired to give notice therof to frinds on next sixt day.

Thomas Taylour againe presented himselfe & desired concent to the publication of his intended marriage. He brought in certificates both of his owne parents consent & also hir relation & he acknowlidgeth his former transgression soe farr to the satisfaction of friends as that they permitt him to publish their intentions in our meetinge on any sixth day they shall see meete.

The 2d 12th month 1673. Tho. Thaylor presented himselfe

¹² Added later.

signifying that his intending marriage with Jane Croome was published in ye publicque Meetinghouse the 23th of the 11th month. Nothing appeareing against itt, he hath liberty to proceed according to ye order of friends.

[p. 47] 16th of the 12th month [February] 1673

A letter from Friends of Pontmoel was brought in to this meeting in relation to Richard Handbury & his wiffe which doth not give thes meeting satisfaction. It is therefore referr'd to be considerd of the next meeting.

Mary Edwards widow makeing request to this meeting to assist her in placeing her son Joseph Edwards aprentice to [William]¹³ Cook Sergeweaver who expects 4 or 5 pounds with him. Friends, considering the age of the boy being but thirteen yeares, thinks it meet that the boy be bound for eight yeares which might be don without money, have desired Thomas Watkins to treate with the said [William] Cook, to the end friends may consider thereof at next meeting.

2d of 1st month [March] 1673

Thomas Gouldeny and Wm. Rogers are appointed to draw up a letter in answer to the freinds of Pontmoel concerninge Richard Handbury & his wife, and to signe the same in the name of the meetinge.

Charles Harford and John Love, Wm. Ford, Thomas Gouldeny and Thomas Watkins or any two of them are desired to take effectuall care to place Joseph son of Mary Edwards widow apprentice.

¹⁴15th of 1st month. The ladd is bound this day apprentice to William Cook weaver for 8 yeares, with 50/s. & apparell at his entrance.

Edmond Bennet & John Jennet haveing made their request to this meeting for their assistance to help place Francis the sonn of Francis Tomlinson apprentice with John Saunders, upon which this meeting have ordered Charles Jones & Edmond Bennet to take the care of it and to disburst any summe not above Forty shillings to helpe place him as abovesaid, which money shall be reimbursd to them out of our publick stock.

¹⁵27th of 2d month 1674. The meting is informed that the lad above named is placed to the said John Saunders for 7 yeares & the money being Forty shillings reimbursd by William Ford out of the publick stock.

¹³ Blank left in the original.

¹⁴ Added later.

¹⁵ Added later.

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The 16th of the First month [March] 1673/74

Richard Vickeris & Arthur Sayer this day brought in the account of what they have received of friends according to our request to them made ye 5th of 11th month last past. The sume totall thereof being Ninety one pounds one shilling is payd into the hands of Charles Harford.

The 30th of the First month [March] 1674

Benjamin Mancell (a poore man sometye frequenting our meetings) makeing request to this meeting to assist him with som money towards paying his arrears of rent: but for as much as friends cannot releife him as a friend, desires Charles Jones & Erasmus Dole to lay his condition before Thomas Day & other persons who are concerned to releife the poore of those parts. & it is left to the descretion of Charles Jones & Erasmus Dole if they shall find absolute nessesity to lend him ten shillings which shall be secured to them out of publick stock.

The 13th of the Second month [April] 1674

the 27th of the Second Moneth [April] 1674

Here being a request made on the behalfe of Elizabeth Andrews to this meeting desireing them to assist her by the loanth of three pounds towards placing her son apprentice: Friends have desired Richard Vickeris, Charles Jones & William James to discorde with her relations & indeaver to prevaile with them to assist her in placing the lad: but if they cannot otherwise effect the same, it is desired that they or either of them will lend any summe unto her not exceeding three pounds, which shall be secured to them out of publick stock.

It being proposed to this meeting to spare the voyd roome over our meeting house to Lawrance Steele for a schoole roome: this meeting doth with one accord give their concent that he shall have it to the use proposed.¹⁶

James Cole & John Weare hath offered themsealves for one moneth next comeing to attend about the meeting house on first dayes at meeting times, to use their endeavors to keepe in order the rude boyes.

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11th of the 3d month [May] 1674

James Murford contrary to the practice of friends & principle of truth which he profest, hath of late been married by a priest; and haveing been dealt withall by severall friends, he apeares by theyr relation very unstable by acknowliding & shewing guilt and yet

¹⁶ Tanner, *Three lectures*, 123; *SPQ*, 530; *Jnl. F.H.S.*, 25 (1928), 10.

justifieing himselfe & reflecting upon Friends &c.¹⁷ and haveing also been dealt withall by this present meeting who finding him somewhat more sencable of his faileing therein, have desired William James & Richard Sneed to take oportunity to speake with him & to give the meeting account thereof for future, untill friends have satisfaction therein.

¹⁸25th. They have spoken with him and informes the meeting that they find him sencable, & acknowlidging his miscarriage.

Be it remembred that the meeting of men & weo: Friends on the 14th day of the 3d month did desire Jno. Love, Edward Martendale & Tho. Callowhill to draw up a paper against Richard Gotley & to bring the same to this meeting to whome they refers the whole managment thereof.

The 25th of the 3d month [May] 1674

The paper against Richard Gotly is brought in according to the desire of the late meeting of men & weomen friends, and the said paper being aproved by this meeting is thought meete to be published in our publick meeting on a first day in the afternone. Thomas Gouldney, William Foord & William James are desired first to acquaint Richard Gotly thereof & afterwards to publish thee same when they shall see meete.

Israell Bird & Isaac Pateridge hath offered themselves for one moneth next comeing to attend about the meetinghouse on first days at meeting times to use theyr endeavors to keepe in order the rude boyes.

The 8th day of the 4th Month [June] 1674

Mary Prince, and Mary Gouldney haveing from the woemens meeting desired a supply from this meeting towards the releife of their poore (whose necessityes have of late required more than their contributions would amount unto). Friends, haveing fully satisfyed themselves of their extraordinary occations at this tyme, have ordered William Ford, and Charls Harvord to deliver them five pounds out of the publique stock; and desired Tho: Watkins to assist them touching the children of Mary Horsington late deceased.

Thomas Gouldney haveing informed this meeting that Thomas Speed had disbursed three pounds to John Morgan towards his supply (upon the accident that befell him in breaking his legg) which moneys being delivered on this consideration, that if this meeting was not satisfyed in it some particuler friends would beare it; the meeting have ordered William Ford & Charles Harvord to reimburse Thomas Speed, said three pounds out of the publique stock.

¹⁷ *The following sentence has been deleted:* Charles Jones, James Cole & Richard Sneed are desired to speake to him to be present at the next mens meeting.

¹⁸ Added later.

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22th of the 4th month [June] 1674

Thomas Wilson & Eliza. Wms. proposed their intentions of marriage at which time the mother of the said Eliza. was present and assenting, & a certificate from the father of the said Thomas, & from freinds of Kendale on his behalfe was produced.

The 6th of the 5th month [July] 1674

Thomas Wilson the second tyme signified his intention of marriage to Elizabeth Williams desiring the concent of this meeting to have it published. Things appearing cleare betwene them, they have the concent of this meeting to publish the same on any sixth day they shall see meete.

Wheras James Murford hath lyed in accuseing Dennis Hollister publickly in this meeting, Richard Sneed & William James or either of them are desired to speak to the said James Murford to be present the next meeting that he may be dealt withall concerning the same.

Wm. Mynar & Wm. Ithield are desired for one moneth next coming to use their endeavors to keepe out Wm. Daviss from babling in our publick meetings, &

Tho. Callowhill to joyne with them to keep rude boys from playing & disorder about our meeting house dores.

20th of the 5th month [July] 1674

William Walker & Mary Kippon proposed their intention of marriage. The said William presented a certificate from the mens meeting of friends of London on his behalfe, also the aprobatation thereof by the father & mother of ye said Mary was here testified unto by their being present & signifying the same. And the said William Walker being an inhabitant of London, saith his occations there will not admitt of his being longe from whome without much prejudice, maketh his request to this meeting to give them concent to have their intentions published before next meeting to the end that if nothing appeare meet to obstruct their marriage they might have concent the next meeting to consummate the same. This meeting considering the same, haveing certificate & assent of parents & th[e]reby a great measure of satisfaction that all things are cleare betwixt them, they have the consent of this meeting, to cause the same to be published on next sixth day, but not to consummate their marriage here without the concent & satisfaction of the next meeting.

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20th of 5th month [July] 1674

Elizabeth Walker intending to pass with her son to Barbadoes, maketh request to this meeting, that they would after her departure have an eye towards her children by advice &c. as oportunity &

occation shall require, and farther to give her a certificate to certify to those concerned her conversation here amongst us, wherefore it is left to Thomas Callohill to prepare such a certificate ready against the next meeting there to be signed if they see meete.¹⁹

Bee it remembred that on the 24th of 5th moneth publication of a mariage, intended to be consummated between Wm. Walker, & Mary Kippon, was made in our publicke meeting house amongst the freinds then and there congregated; by George Gough.

3d of 6th moneth [August] 1674

William Walker and Mary Kippon have the consent of freinds to consummate their mariage when they shall thinke meete.

Bee it remembred that Wm. James on the 24th of the 5th moneth did publish in our publick meetinge house amongst the freinds then & there congregated the entention of a mariage between Thomas Wilson and Elizabeth Williams ye younger.

William Minard, William Ithield & Thomas Callowhill haveing discharged what they undertook for the moneth last past; now Robert Noakes, Thomas Watkins & William Lane undertakes to attend the same service for the moneth next comeing.

The 17th of the 6th month [August] 1674

James Murford attended this meeting in order to answer what was desired from the meeting the 6th of the 5th month last. He acknowledgeth that he wronged Dennis Hollister in what he said of him, but in asmuch as Dennis Hollister is not present, this meeting have advised him to speake to Dennis Hollister himselfe & to give him satisfaction therein, or if he shall not doe soe before next meeting then to be present here to acknowledg the same before Dennis Hollister in the face of the meeting.

Second day 31th. [*Crossed through.*] He there appeared & confessed the same in the face of the meeting, & also acknowledged his runing out from truth by his marriage and promiseth to consider what way he may publikly testifie the same, which is referred to be againe called upon another meeting.

[p. 49a] The 31th of the 6th month [August] 1674²⁰

Thomas Paggett & William Lane are desired to assest John Weare in the despose of friends books as they with ye said John Weare shall see meete. William Lane doth not at present accept

¹⁹ Elizabeth Walker, 24 Feb. 1675, from Barbados, to Bristol Friends (addressed to Dennis Hollister), writes concerning her journey; "settled at spikes" [presumably Speights Town (Little Bristol)]; commending her children to Friends' care. C.1842 C.17 [139]; B.A.O., SF/A7/4, 15. A copy of the certificate addressed to Barbados, dated 3 Aug. 1674, is in C.1842 C.6 [105]; B.A.O., SF/A7/8, lii.

²⁰ There is no corresponding minute to record the fact, but C.1842 C.6 [105]; B.A.O., SF/A7/8, lii, has copy of certificate of clearance for marriage, 31 Aug. 1674, on behalf of Joseph Kelson, formerly of Bristol, now of London, intending to marry there.

the same but will consider thereof & intends to give his answer next meeting.

James Murford appeared and Friends laboured with him to bring him to a sense of his condition, therby to helpe him out of the snare.

He confesseth before this meeting that he wronged Dennis Hollister in what he said of him, & farther acknowlidgeth that he ran out in unseemely behaviour towards him being provoaked, and also that contrary to the testemony of truth in his conscience he was married by a priest & promiseth to consider how he may publickly condemne the same, which is referred to be againe inquerid into at another meeting.

Stephen Somers of this citty Taylor & Sarah Peeke Junior have this day signified their intention of marriage. Sarah Peeke mother of the said Sarah was present signifying her concent & abrobation of the marriage, and the said Stephen informes us that he hath noe parrent nor gardien in being.

This Case being proposed to this meeting:

That if it should happen that any young people or others, that profess the truth with us, being under a contract or proposition towards marriage, and before they shall accomplish the same shall fall under the temptation of the Divil defilizing themselves to the prejudice of their owne soules and dishonouring of their intended marriage, and after being brought under a true sence and sorrow for their miscarriage doe desire the advice of friends in order to their marriage. And since the law of god [*in margin:* Exo. 22:16. Deuter. 22:28, 29] and equity requires such should marry it is enqueried how farr friends should concerne them seelves therein,

It is Mutually agreed:

That such a marriage being not honourable may not be approved to pass in these meetings according to our accostomed manner: nor can wee, if they be really sencable of their miscarriage and doe desire advice, wholly reject and cast them off & leave them open to the temptations of goeing to the priests. Butt if they under a true sence and sorrow and brokenness of heart being bowed downe under the judgments of the lord doe condemne their miscarriages, then it is desired that some expedient may be found out to helpe such that they may not be lost, but this is not in the least intended to hinder judgment from goeing forth against such disorderly walkers as refuse admonition and doe not truly repent.

It is referred to Dennis Hollister, Thomas Gouldney, William Foord, Charles Jones, Charles Harford, William James, John Love, Thomas Callowhill & Richard Sneed or any five or more of them who are desired by this meeting to find out & prepare some forme and method touching the said case to propose to the next meeting for their approbation.

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The 14th of the 7th month [September] 1674

According to the desire of the former meeting Dennis Hollister, Thomas Gouldney, William Foord, Charles Jones, Charles Harford, William James, John Love, Thomas Callowhill and Richard Sneed, proposed to this meeting as followeth, which being considered and aproved off is recorded as followeth:

Whereas the case aforesaid was by the former meeting refferred to us: Dennis Hollister, Thomas Gouldney, William Foord, Charles Jones, Charles Harford, William James, John Love, Thomas Callowhill, Richard Sneed to find out and prepare some method of proceedure touching the said case.

Wee the persons above named have in the feare of god and for his pretious truths sake taken the matter into our serious considerations, as haveing also an eye to the good of their soules who have or may enter into the temptation and snare of the divell, that they may not be utterly lost therin, but regained if possible to have a part with us in the grace and truth of god which condemns all filthyness and disorderly walkeing. And according to the understanding given us wee propose this method for an expedient in the case aforesaid in the following particulers.

Viz. First, that our meetings may not be farther troubled with marriages of this kind let five²¹ wise and prudent Friends of this meeting be nominated and appoynted by the meeting to take care & inspect the cases aforesaid, to consider and advise the parties concerned as in the wisdom of god they shall see cause and the parties meete to be taken notice of or advised, when any such matter shalbe brought before them or informacion given to any of them.

Secondly, if any miscarriage happen of that kind among any professing the truth, that information be given to some or one of those friends appoynted to take care as afforesaid, and upon such information some of those friends soe appoynted to make inquiry and serch into the matter, and in the councill of the lord and his power to see into the condition of the parties that have offended and accordingly to endeavor their recoverie by bringing them into a sence of their evell and condemnation & judgment upon it. And if they find a tenderness in them and a willingness to receive admonition and submitt to the truth, and councill of god in friends and be bowed under the judgment of the lord: that they advise them to give or signe a paper of condemnation against themsealves for their miscarriages to be dillivered to those friends who endever their recoverie and adviseth them for their good.

Thirdly Seeing they cannot with cleareness or Safety be advised either to publish their marriage amongst us or goe to the priests, and there being a nessesity from the law of god & equity for their marriage; a forme of certificate may be allowed them of their

²¹ *Altered from six.*

takeing each other to be man and wife and of their promise each to other in that case to be signed by themselves and those who shalbe present at their marriage.

Fowerthly, that they be advised to procure such of their relations neybouris or friends as are free to be present at their marriage to be wittness and signe such their certeficate, which in number shall not be less then ten or twelve.

Fifthly, that such of the friends to whom the care of this bissonness is committed (who have given admonition and counsell to the parties concerned) provide and signe a paper containeing a testimony for truth against the disorderly walkeing of the parties and of their endeaver to reclaime them and the effect it had upon them, togeather with their judgment and advice concerneing their marriage and the reason of it.

And this said paper soe signed to be kept in readyness to produce as a deffence for truth and friends against the adversaries reproaches, which paper or testimony the said friends appoynted may make manefest according to the offence when and where they shall see cause upon serious advise togeather, for the cleareing of truth and the friends thereof, whos testimony is for god against all disorderly walkeing, and their labour for truth and righteousness, and that noe soules may be lost nor kept in the enemise snare.

Lastly, That a copie of friends testimony and of the parties condemnation and the certeficate of their marriage be recorded togeather in the book of papers of condemnation to be in readyness to produce when there may be occation.²²

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14th of the 7th month [September] 1674

This meeting aproveing of the aforesaid Methood have nominated and desired Dennis Hollister, Thomas Gouldney, William Foord, William James, Thomas Watkins, Charles Harford, Thomas Callowhill, John Love, Charles Jones, to take care and inspect the cases aforesaid, and when any such case shalbe brought before them, or any of them, they or any five of them are desired to act and advise in the said case as they shal see meete.

Stephen Sumers & Sarah Peek the last meeting signifieing their intentions of marriage doth now desire the same may pass with concent of thes meeting. Things hitherto appearing cleare betwixt them they have the concent of this meeting to cause such their intention to be published in our publick meeting on any sixth day.

James Murford brought in a paper of condemnation which the meeting received, & desired him to consider what might be farther for him to doe to cleare the truth from the scandal that he hath

²² Paper of contrition from the parties in C.1842 C.3 [98]; B.A.O., SF/A7/3, 22; At that point there is the note "pages 23 and 24 contained the record of a marriage and has been surrendered to the Government . . . 1857."

brought upon it by his marriage by a priest.

John Weare haveing desired that friends would pay him for books that have been brought into this meeting by their order, William Foord & Charles Harford are desired to pay him.²³

Two letters from friends in Virginia being read, it is left to the next meeting to consider of an answer to be returned to them.²⁴

The 28th of the 7th moneth [September] 1674

Thomas Foster of London and Dorothy Weale widdow this day signified their ententions of marriage, but not haveing certificats at present on their behalfe, it is expected that they procure certificates, both, for him from London, & for her from her parrents.

John Bathoe of this citty & Elizabeth Williams of Barton Regis signified their entention of marriage, things appearing cleare betwixt them, yet are referred to the next meeting for consent to the publishing the same.

Be it remembred that the entention of marriage between Stephen Sumers & Sarah Peek was published in our publick meeting on last 6th day being the 25th of the 7th moneth 1674.

Dennis Hollister, William James & Richard Sneed are desired to write two letters to Virginia & Maryland in answer to theyres late to us.

²⁵12th of 8th moneth 74. According to the desire of the former meeting the persons above named hath prepared two letters which hath been read in this meeting and are aproved, and the same friends are desired to finish the said letters and have the same subscribed by them seelves and three or fower other friends whom they shall see meet and then to send them forwards with speed. The same persons are also desired to send what books they shall see meete with the said letters to the mens meetings both of Virginia and Maryland upon the publick charge of this meeting.

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The 12th of the 8th month [October] 1674

John Bathoe, haveing last meeting signified his intentions of marriage with Elizabeth Williams, now requesteth the consent of friends that their said intention may be published amongst us. Friends, finding noe reasonable cause to obstruct the same, have concented that they shall cause such their intentions to be published in our publick meeting on a sixth day.

James Pounset of Barton Regis & Philipia the daughter of Robert Shaward late of this citty of Bristol woollendraper, hath signified their intentions of marriage. James hath produced a

²³ This minute repeats one on p. 49a which was crossed through.

²⁴ Probably one of the letters (from West River, Md., 6 June 1674, with a postscript concerning books) is in B.A.O., SF/C1/1(a), Bristol MSS. V.109.

²⁵ Added later. For letter dated 12 Oct. 1674 to General Meeting of Men Friends, West River, Md., see C.1842 C.17 [139]; B.A.O., SF/A7/4, 13; B.A.O., SF/C1/1(a), Bristol MSS. V.116; *Jnl. F.H.S.*, 5 (1908), 116.

certificate testefieing his mothers concent therunto, also, Elizabeth Shaward mother of the said Philipia is now present & hath signified her aprobaton & concent.

The 26th of ye 8th month [October] 1674

Thomas Foster & Dorathy Weale: theire intentions of marriag permitted to be published in ye publique meeting on any sixth daye.

This daye William Minor gives ye meeting to understand that John Baker claimes a promise of Phillipia Seward in relation to marriage.

This daye Willm. Collins mannifested to this meeting a diferanc betwene himself & Georg Phipes allsoe a letter from his father was presented to ye meeting desireing the meeting to put an end to itt & allsoe William Collins have refered the whole determineing of ye matter to this meeting whoe have desired Tho. Goldny, Richard Sned, John Love & Thomas Wattkins to look into itt & put a full end to itt.

²⁶This was ended by the refferees.

This daye ye Meeting have desired Charles Harford & Willm. Ford to disburst tenn poundes out of ye Publique Stocke towards ye redemption of ye 2 Captives in Turkie whose conditions was presented to us.

This daye James Gibbiens desired a certificate unto ye meeting of French-hays, beeing there intended to accomplish a marriag betwene himself & Rebeckah Sifford of that meeting which was granted & signed by this meeting.

[p. 51a] The 9th of the 9th month [November] 1674

Be it remembred that the intention of marriage between Thomas Foster & Dorothy Weale was published by William James in our publick meeting on the 30th day of the eighth moneth late past, against which nothing apeares to obstruct it.

Wheras publication of James Pounset & Philipia Seward's marriage was obstructed, for that William Minerd acquainted the meeting that John Baker claimed a promise of marriage of ye said Philipia; the meeting takeing notice thereof took care to enquire into the truth, and thereupon doe find that the said John Baker doth freely cleare and acquitt her from any promise of marriage, which is testefied to us by Elizabeth her mother, & James Gibbons to whom the said Baker did soe declare. Likewise it doth not appeare that there was ever any promise made by the said Philipia to the said John Baker, but rather a refuseall of his suite unto her, as by many testimonys hath appeared unto us; and therefore wee concent unto the publication of their marriage in our publick meetinghouse on any sixth day.

Joseph Taylor of Penceford & Ann Mayes servant to William

²⁶ Added later, in the hand of Richard Sned.

Foord of this citty, did this day propose their intention of marriage, & inasmuch as the said Joseph is to us a strainger, this meeting acquainted him tis nessesary for him to obtaine a certeficate from the monethly meeting (to which he belongs) of his orderly walkeing & cleareness from all others as farr as they know.

The Treasurers are desired to lend John Virrick out of publick stock forty shillings to bee dillivered to him at times or once at their discession.

This meeting concluded to propogate a Collection for the releife of the poore and other services of Truth, & other charritable uses, & began to subscribe each man his particuler sune, & James Cole, & William Dawson are desire[d] to collect such moneys as friends are free to subscribe.

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The 23d of 9th month [November] 1674

Charles Jones Junior & Martha Wathen this day signified their intention of marriage. Charles Jones & Anne, the father and mother of the said Charles, and Jane Wathen the mother of the said Martha was present & did signify their aprobaton thereof.

Whereas there is a differance betwixt Charles Berry and John Jennet that hath laine long and cannot be made up betwixt them selves, nor hath they ended it as they have been advised by divers particuler Friends. Now, that there may be noe farther striffe betwixt them, but that the controvercy may be fully ended and made up, this meeting nominateth William Foord & Edward Martendale to joyne with two other Friends who may be chosen by the two parties each of them one, to heare and advise and determine the case. And desireth Charles Berry & John Jennet to concent therunto and doe as they shalbe by the said Friends advised.

Be it remembred that the intentions of marriage betwixt James Pounset & Phillipia Sheward was published in our publick meeting on the 13th day of this present moneth, being: 13th of 9th month 1674, per William James.

the 7th of ye 10th month [December] 1674

Joseph Taylour haveing in a former meeting signified his intentions of marriage with Ann Mayes hath now produced a certificate from Friends at the monethly meeting in the county of Somerset directed to this meeting certifieing on his behalfe to our satisfaction. Also, two other certificates one fro[m] his mother, and the other from his father certifieing their consent to their marriage, & friends finding nothing meete to obstruct it have concented that he shall cause their intentions to be published in our publick meeting.

Charles Jones, haveing the former meeting signified his intentions of marriage with Martha Warren doth now againe desire this meetings aprobaton.

For as much as wee find nothing meete to obstruct it he have

the concent of this meeting to cause their intentions to be published in our publick meetinge.

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7th 10th month [December] 1674

Wheras there are severall young men (friends) that have served their aprenticshipp in this citty, who are debarrd from their just liberties for that they for conscience sake cannot sweare, this meeting being sencible of their excercise at this present are affected therewith, and doe earnestly desire our Friends Tho: Speed, Thomas Goldney & William Roggers & such other friends as Tho. Speed & Tho. Goldney may thinke meete to consider togeather, and prepare some thing to offer to the Chamberlaine or magesrates on their behalfe, or otherwise to advise the young men as they shall see meete. Charles Harford & John Love are desired to acquaint them of this our request.²⁷

21th of 10th month [December] 1674

Bee it remembred that the intention of mariage between Joseph Taylor and Ann Mayse was publisht in our publick meetinge house on the 11th day of this instant by Israel Bird.

Bee it remembred that the intention of mariage between Charles Jones and Martha Warren was published in our publick meeting house on the 18th of this instant by George Gough.

4th of 11th month [January] 1674

John Jennet having by writing under his hand signified that he will refer the buissines in controversy between him & C. Berry unto Mathew Warren & Jno. Gregory with whomsoever freinds, or the said Jno.²⁸ Berry shall judge fitt to heare and determine. Freinds doe nominate Edward Martindale & Wm. Dawson to be added to the other two, if Charles Berry approve thereof, if not, doe leave Charles Berry to nominate whome he thinkes meete.

Cha. Berry at the later part of the meetinge & after the above remembrance was written came to the meetinge & approv'd the above nomination.

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18th 11th Month [January] 1674²⁹

Be it remembred that the intention of mariage between Arthur

²⁷ To be read in conjunction with the Common Council order, 15 Dec. 1674, for the shops of Peter Young, James Fry and Samuel Hollister to be shut up, they not being freemen. B.A.O. Common Council proceedings, vi.275; 04264(7), 63v-64; see Latimer, *17th century*, 368.

²⁸ *Error for Charles.*

²⁹ C.1842 C.17 [139]; B.A.O., SF/A7/4, 17 reveals one item of business at this meeting which was not minuted. Nathaniell Parke, Cathay, 18 Jan. 1675, pressed by creditors, appealed for advice and assistance. The appeal is endorsed with a minute referring the matter to James Cole & Jno: Weare, and to report next meeting. Of this there is no record. (See also in the same volume, 129.)

Sawier Junior & Grace Mould niece to Jane Wathen Widowe of this citty was this day presented, and a testimony from his father for his consent was produced, & the sayd Jane Wathen & Thomas Harris her unkle being present gave their consent therunto.

first the 12th Month [February] 1674

Arthur Sawier Junior haveing the former Meeting signified his intention of mariage with Grace Mould nece to Jane Wathen widowe of this cittie, doth now againe desire the Meetings approbation. For as much as wee find nothing to obstruct it, hee hath the consent of the Meeting to publish it in the publike Meeting place. Memorandum that at the same tyme the said Arthur produced a leter from her father wherein he signified his consent to the said mariage.

Bee itt remembered that the intention of marriag betwene Arthur Sawier & Grace Moulde was published by Georg Gouf the 5th of the 12th month 1674.

15th of the 12 moneth [February] 1674

Edward Hacket & Lydia Hollister this day signified their intentions of marriage. Both parties dillivered certificates of their parents aprobation and concent.

Francis Fry widdow haveing a son under a destracted destemper desireth advice and assistance of Friends for his recoverie. She haveing declared herselfe free to send him for Cure to Bath Easton: Friends doe approve thereof and desireth Thomas Whitehorne, William Foord, & Charles Jones to assist her therein. Thomas Whithorne informeing the meeting that he expects he may procure to have the Kure gratic, provided they have Fower or five shillings per weeke paid them for his keepeing dureing the tyme of his abode there, upon which friends declares their freeness to assist by one halfe of the charge if the nessesity of the Widdow shall soe require.

1st of 1st month [March] 1674

Edward Hacket and Lydia Hollister were this day permitted to cause the intention of their mariage to bee publisht in the publick meeting.

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1st of 1st month [March] 1674

The treasurers are ordered to pay unto Mary Gouldeny six pounds towards the assistance of the necessities of the poore which the womens meeting have & may take care of.

15th of the First month [March] 1674/75³⁰

Be it remembred that the intention of marriage between Edward

³⁰ There is no corresponding minute to record the fact, but C.1842 C.6 [105]; B.A.O., SF/A7/8, 1, has copy of certificate of clearance for marriage, 15 March 1675, addressed to the Men's Meeting in the city of London, on behalf of Gabriel Gouldney, son of Thomas Gouldney, grocer, intending to marry Judith Poulsteed, of Hoxton.

Hacket & Lydia Holister was published in our publick meeting the 5th day of this instant, by William James.

Robert Toplife and Joan Memorye this day signified their ententions of marriage. She have now by a paper given to us judged her former miscarriages to the present satisfaction of friends, and farther wee find that her late husband left her with very litle or noe estate, and the said Robt. Toplife hath declared himselfe free to take the full charge and care of her child.

The nessesitys of John Silvester being layd before us, this meeting have referr'd him to lay his case before the weomens meeting, and have ordered Charles Harford to dilliver Forty shillings out of publick stock unto the weomens meeting, desiring them to looke into his condition and assist him therewith as they shall see meete.

The 29th of ye first month [March] 1675

Robert Toplife & Joan Memorie haveing the former meeting signified their ententions of marriage and nothing apeareing meet to obstruct it he have the concent of this meeting to have it published in our publick meeting on a sixth day.

12th 2 month [April] 1675

Charles Harford, and John Love are desired to speake with Thomas Beswicke, and if they thinke meet to disburse any mony towards the bearing of his charges to Banbury or elsewhere, freinds doe leave it to their discretion what to disburse unto him.

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12th of the 2d month [April] 1675

James Freeman, and Mary North did this day propose their intentions of mariage, their mothers being both present, & testimony was given by them respectively that their husbands doe assent unto the accomplishment of ye mariage, and severall other freinds likewise did testify the same.

The 26th of ye 2d month [April] 1675

James Freeman haveing the former meeting signified his intention of marriage with Mary North, James Freeman, Senior, father of the said James, being now present with him hath signified his aprobation thereof: and nothing appeareing unto us meet to obstruct the same, this meeting doe concent that they cause their ententions to be published in our publick meetinge.

Mathew Warren signifying to us his entention to joyne in marriage with Judith Daniell of Keinsham intending to consummate the same amongst our Friends in the countrie, desires a certificate from us on his behalfe. It is defferred to the next meeting, and Charles Jones, William James, and Richard Sneed are desired in the meantime to make an inspection into his condition, and give an account thereof to the next meeting.

The persons who were appoynted to speake with Peter Hawkings have given an account of their care over him. And friends doe farther request the same persons or any two of them to advise Peter Hawkins not to sell ale any longer then to despose of what he hath, for that they doe judge that Peter Hawkins his selling of ale is contrarie to the truth.³¹

[*In margin:*] See the records of the men & weomen's meeting, 8th of 2d month 75.

Be it remembred that the entention of marriage between Robert Topliffe & Joan Memorie was published in our publike meeting the 16th of this instant by William James.

The 10th the 3d Month [May] 1675

Henry Thomas of this citty & Mary Tippet of Brisslington this day proposd their intencion of mariage, & whereas he hath been guilty of publike takeing oaths, which he hath not yet condemnd, his matter is defferd untill he shall give forth something to the clearing of the trueth from that scandall.

Be it remembred that ye intencion of mariage between James Freeman & Mary North was published by George Gough in our publike Meeting on the 7th this month.

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This day Mathew Warren came againe for a certeficate, & foras-much as the persons intrusted to enquire into that matter doe report it not to be cleare betwixt Daniel Neale & Judeth Daniel, have defferd him, till that matter be further cleared.

The 24th of ye 3d mo [May] 1675

William Weare & Elizabeth Watkins signified their intentions of marriage, they are advised to procure certeficates of their parrents concent.

Wheras Mathew Warren hath requested a certeficate from us on his behalfe, the Meeting declares, upon inquiry amongst themselves & acquaintance, they doe not find that the said Mathew is ingadged to any person here in relation to marriage but as farr as wee know may be free to take whomsoever he with the friends of truth shall see meete; but wheras the giveing of such certeficate is at present obstructed for that wee have a reporte of som miscarriages of the said Mathew, it is referred to Wm. James, Charles Jones, Rich. Sneed, Eras: Dole, Rich. Vickeris & Tho. Callowhill to inquiry into the truth of the reporte, & if they find satisfaction to signe certeficate of the above said, as soe apoynted per this meeting.

This day was proposed an entention of marriage between Thomas Michell & Eliz. Sheward Junior.

³¹ Tanner, *Three lectures*, 104. The Men and Women's Meeting minute, 8 April 1675, is to be found in C.1842 C.2 [96]; B.A.O., SF/A7/2.

The 7th 4th Month [June] 1675

This day Thomas Mitchel & Eliz. Seward Junior proposed their intention of mariage the second tyme, & a certificate on the behalf of Thomas was produced, and her mother was present & signified her consent. Soe nothing appearing for to obstruct their mariage, they had liberty to have it publisht in our publique meeting place.

Henry Thomas the second time proposed his intentions of mariage with Mary Tippet of Brisslington & brought a certeficate on the behalf of Mary, & soe nothing appearing to the obstruct their mariage, they have liberty to publish their intentions in our publique Meeting.

[p. 55] The 21st 4th Month [June] 1675

William Weare came againe unto this Meeting to propose his mariage with Eliz: Watkins. And the Meeting finding him to be a man that hath little sence of trueth, have advized him to wayte till he come to a further sence thereof. And have likewise desired William James & Richard Sneade to speake with the said Elizabeth in order to her preservation.

This day a Letter³² was read that came from George Fox & Ellis Hooks, desiring a record to be kept of friends Sufferings; in order whereunto Richard Vickeriss is desired to bring in what record his father in lawe George Bishope left, & Francis Rogers is desired to speak to his brother William Rogers to bring in what record hee hath.

Bee it remembred that the intention of mariage between Thomas Mitchell of Corke & Elizabeth Seward the younger of this citty was published in our publique Meeting place by William James on the 11th of this instant.

Bee it alsoe remembred that the intention of mariage between Henry Thomas of this citty and Mary Tippet of Brisslington was published in our publique Meeting place upon the 18th of this instant by John Weare.

Upon complaint made by George Phipps against William Collins, it is desired that those friends to whom this Meeting did refferr the examination of the matter in difference betwixt them, to speake with the said William Collins, & to require him to pay the mony according to the last agreement, or els the Meeting will be constrained to declare against him.

5th of 5th month [July] 1675

19th of 5th month [July] 1675

Richard Vickeris according to the desire of the late meeting brought in those papers relateing to the suffering of friends. But

³² Perhaps the letter from Ellis Hookes, 14 May 1675, the Somerset copy of which (addressed to Henry Lavar, Yeovil) is in Bristol MSS. IV; *SPQ* 283; but see minute of 11 Oct. 1675, below.

those papers expected from William Rogers being not yet brought in and also Francis Rogers being absent with Geo: Foxs letter, wee find litle at present farther to be don, but doe desire Richard Vickeris to speake with Fra. Rogers, that all may be in readyness against next meeting.

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19th of 5th month [July] 1675

Whereas there hath been divers destresses taken by the Martiall from friends for not appearing in Armes, off vallue soe farr exceeding the fines that were imposed, that the Deputy liftenants late heareing of some part thereof hath shewed their greate dislike. It is therfore thought meete that a Collection be taken of all those freinds that hath soe been abused both off the summes fines and the goods destreigned to be more fully laid before them. Wherefore Wm. James, Tho. Jordan, & Erasmus Dole are desired to take account of all such destresses as fully as may be obtained & bring in the same to Dennis Hollister, Tho: Goldney & Tho: Callowhill who are desired to prepare the same in a fitt method & dilliver it to the Deputy liftenants as soone as convenianly they may.³³

Lawrance Steele requesting us to lett him our roome on vacant daies to use as a schoole roome, friends have concented that he may soe use it, provided he take care the same be left cleane & descent for the use of friends on meeting days & such other times as friends shall signify occation.³⁴

Charles Harford is desired on next 6th day after meeting to give notice to Friends that the meetings of friends on next first day are intended to be at both meeting houses both morneing and afternone at our usuall houres.

Richard Sneed signifieing that friends of Dubline desires a certeficate concerneing one Grace Whiteing whether she may be found engadged or entangled to any person here in relation to marriage. Severall friends here present giveing a hopefull account of the said Grace whilest she lived with Christopher Birkhead³⁵ &c. Whereupon Richard Sneed, William Ford and Charles Jones are desired to make enquiry amongst friends that were her acquaintance, and as they find it to certifie the same to the mens meeting in Dubline.

It was unanimously agreed that the certificate hereafter-mentioned be signd in the name of the Meeting by William James, Thomas Watkins, Charells Harvord, Richard Vickris & Richard Sneade and delivered to Mathew Warren.

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From the Mens Meeting of friends for ordering the affaires

³³ *SPQ* 617.

³⁴ *Jnl. F.H.S.* 25 (1928), 10.

³⁵ *Deleted is: & other friends here.*

relateing to trueth in the Citty of Bristoll, the 19th day the 5th month 1675.

Whereas Mathew Warren of this citty and our meeting is desirous to take to wife Judith Daniel the younger of your Meeting, and hath applyed himself to us for a certificate to that purpose, wee doe therefore certifie yow, our beloved friends & breethreen, that upon examination of ye matter wee cannot find but that hee is cleare of all engagements to all other weomen on that account, and may marry whom hee please only in the Lord: but whether the said Judith be soe cleare in the sight of god, or not, wee make some question, and leaves it to the wisdom of god in you to determine, because some time since shee came to this Meeting with one Daniel Neale of this citty & propounded mariage with him, mutually declareing their sattisfaction and consent therein. And the Meeting putting some questions concerning ye man, Judith Daniel the Elder, mother of the said Judith the younger being present, declared that shee saw him & knew him well, & was sattisfied in him as a fitt husband for her daughter, & had unity with it; and how neare this comes to a mariage in the sight of god, wee leave to the wisdom and witness of god in you to judge, to whom it now imediately appertaineth. And wee ourselves were not cleare untill wee had thus certified, beleaving that mariages in the trueth with which friends hath sattisfaction & unity, are not bought and sold [or] made & broken for mony, but stands in an Everlasting Covenant of life and righteousness:

To our beloved friends of ye Mens meeting for ordering ye affaires relateing to trueth in Keinsham or Bristleington or elsewhere.

Signed in ye name, & by ye unanimous consent & appointment of the Meeting by us—

William James Richard Sneade Thomas Watkins
Charells Harvord Richard Vickriss

The 2d of the 6th month [August] 1675

John Lany by severall friends of this meeting proposed an entent of mariage with Anne Atkinson and to consumeate the same at London, desireing a certificate on his behalfe. Friends by inquiry amongst ourselves & before of severall of his acquaintance & cannot find but that he is cleare from any engadgment or entanglment here, & therfor have graunted him a certificate of the same.

Friends from the monethly meeting at Penceford, haveing dissatisfaction in the concerne of Mathew Warren and Judith Daniell, hath by a letter³⁶ to us proposed that the matter may be heard at Bristoll on the 16th of this present moneth before some friends of both meetings, to whom this meeting have reterned answer that although wee account oursealves litle concerned therein other then to give a relation to our knowldige therein which wee faithfully have don, yet to answeare their request doe concent that

³⁶ C.1842 C.17 [139]; B.A.O., SF/A7/4, 21, dated 30 July 1675.

wee meet such friends as shall desire it on the 16th day of this moneth at the second houre, at this place.

the 16th of the 6th month [August] 1675

Tho. Goodhind, John Dandoe, Henry Moore, Jno. Baker, Rich: Milkings & Jno. Withers was present at this meeting, & wee perceived nothing to the contrarie but that they had full satisfaction both of the truth of what wee certified; and weakeness & failer of those who appeared against it.

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16th of the 6th month [August] 1675

William Rogers this day brought in papers that relates to the sufferings of friends, which at present are layd to those formerly brought in by Richard Vickeris to be considered the next meeting.

31th of ye 6th month [August] 1675

Here haveing been a report made to a former meeting by Nicholas Taylor of miscarriages of Robert Wastfield, touching which he hath been discourc'd with and denieth the same, and since proof can be produced by Charles Harford. Therefore Charles Harford & Charles Jones are desired to prepare the same against the next meeting plainly writt in paper, and persons names fixt to each particuler that will prove the same.

The 13th of 7th month [September] 1675

Wm. Rogers undertakes to contract ye sufferings in Sir Robt. Yeamas's yeare [1669-70] &c. and to bring it in to this meeting.

John Hurtnall, Junior & Mary Wastfield both of this citty signified their ententions of marriage and desired to finish it amongst us according to the order of Friends.

the 27th of ye 7th month [September] 1675

Thomas Westbury & Elener Davis signified their intention of marriage.

Wm. Rogers hath in good measure contracted a narrative of the sufferings of friends in Sir Robt. Yeams's yeare & what is yet wanting intends to compleate. Also he with Richard Vickeris undertakes to draw a brife narrative of the sufferings of friends in the years of Sir Jno. Knight & John Lawford [1663-4 and 1664-5], other sufferings of Friends haveing been butt little on any publick record. Its therefore desired that the sufferers or other Friends that may be capeable thereof doe bring in an account of all that can certainly be remembered unto this meeting.

Here being a report that Jno. Nutt is inclineing to joyne himselfe in marriage with one that is not a friend: Rich. Sneed & Charles Harford are free to deale with him thereon & to lett the meeting know what effect they perceive it takes with him.

11th of 8 month. On report that Jno. Nutt is maryed by a preist, the same freinds are desired to speak with him againe to know the truth of it.

[p. 57] 27th of 7th month [September] 1675

Dennis Hollister, Charles Harford, Richard Sneed, Er. Dole, & Charles Jones are desired to send unto two, three³⁷ or fower Friends belonging to Briselton meeting (whom they shall think meete) to meet with them concerning the buissonness aforementioned relateing to Robt. Wastfield, to the entent that if he be cleare of the matters reported concerning him he may be vindicated, but if not that then the friends of Brisilton meeting doth deale with him according as truth shall require.

Peter Young signified to us his intent to joyne in marriage with Mary Eckly of Lee in the county of Heriford and that they intends to consumate their mariage in the said county, desireing a certeficate from us on his behalfe. Friends on enquiry cannot find but that he is cleare from all persons here in relation to marriage & of sober deportment as becomes a friend of truth, doth therefore graunt him a certeficate thereof.

11th of ye 8th month [October] 1675

This day Richard Vickeris brought in a letter which he late received from Elias Hooks that was given forth at the Generall meeting in London the 4th of the 4th month last past, adviseing every respective county to contract a briefe account of Friends sufferings & them to send up by a friend apoynted from each county to be present in London the 18th of the 8th month 1675. But for that the aforesaid letter came so late to our hands, wee are not capeable to give such account as expected by the tyme appoynted: Therefore have desired Rich: Vickeris to signify the same to Elis Hooks, that the reason why wee fayle to answer said letter may be understood.

³⁸This was done accordingly.

Tho. Westbury brought a certeficate of his fathers concent to his proposed marriage to satisfaction, but in as much as ther is not any certeficate of Elener Davis mothers concent, they have notice to procure one against they next apeare here.

25th of 8th month [October] 1675

Jno. Hurtnell and Mary Wastfeild are permitted to publish the intentions of their mariage in our publicke meeting house.³⁹

³⁷ *Written there.*

³⁸ Added later. The Somerset copy of this letter is in the volume Bristol MSS. IV; *SPQ* 283.

³⁹ For an undated paper from Mary Wastfield relating to this, see C.1842 C.17 [139]; B.A.O., SF/A7/4, 135.

8th of the 9th month [November] 1675

Tho: Westbury brought a certificate from Hannah Clarke mother of Elenr. Davis, which certifieth her consent to their intended marriage. Nothing appearing meete to obstruct it, they have the concent of this meeting to publish it on any 6th day in our publick meeting.

William Walker and Abigall Pierson signified their intention of marriage. She hath not yet certificate of her mothers concent, nor yet of her being cleare from a former ingadgment to Nicho: Webber.

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Be it remembred that the intention of marriage between Thomas Westbury & Elener Davis was published in our publick meeting by Thomas Watkins the 12th day of the 9th moneth 1675.

6th of ye 10th month [December] 1675

William Walker & Abigale Pierson, haveing in a former meeting signified their intention of marriage, hath now brought a certificate of her mothers concent. Alsoe wee have satisfaction that Abigale is cleare from the afore mentioned Nicho: Webber, wherefore nothing appearing to us meete to obstruct it, they have the concent of this meeting to publish it in our publick meeting.

20th of the 10th month [December] 1675

Wheras William Townsend sometymes of this citty Cardmaker signified unto this meeting his ententions to joyne in marriage amongst friends in London and hath desired us in relation thereunto to give him a certificate on his behalfe, wee haveing testimonys from Jno. Pricket, Tho: Watkins, Geo: Phipps & John Weare & others for his orderly conversation amongst us, & that as farr as wee know he is free from any person here in relation to marriage, doe therefore apoynt Tho. Gouldney, Rich. Sneed, & John Love, Tho. Watkins to signe a certificate to ye purpose above said. Which accordingly they have don.

Wheras ther was late a publicacion made of the intended marriage between Willm. Walker & Abigale Pierson, & upon such publicacion wee have testimonys of such uncleanness & wickedness betwixt them, that at present wee cannot have freedome to concerne oursealves for the accomplishing of their marriage.

Tho. Gouldney, Charles Jones, William James, & Jno. Love are desired to speake with Susanah Pierson Senior in relation to what is past in the case abovesaid.

3d 11th month [January] 1675

This day John Horte per George Gough dillivered five pounds as a gift to this meeting from Nicholas Horte late deceased, which said five pounds is committed into the hands of Charles Harford, there to remaine till desposed according to the entent of the doner.

the 17th of ye 11th month [January] 1675

Tho. Gouldney informing this meeting that he hath spoken with Susanah Pierson in relation to what is before exprest of her daughter, who is greived at their wikedness, & cannot stand by them but reject them in their wickedness. Geo: Gough & Tho: Watkins being free, are desired to signify in our publick meeting that wee have not unity with them nor their wickedness & cannot concerne oursealves in their marriage nor receive or owne them amongst us untill they submitt to the judgments of the lord & through unfeigned repentance finds remission from him.

[p. 58] 17th of ye 11th month [January] 1675

This meeting hath understood that Penuell Haggat by his will hath given twenty pownds to be disposed by friends. Dennis Hollister, Tho. Speed & Tho. Gouldney, or any two of them, are desired to speake with Nathanill Haggat in order that the moneys may be received & disposed according⁴⁰ to the will of the doner.

George Gough is desired to signify to friends att the latter end of the meeting next 6th day, that it is purposed that our publick meetings for the next two first days be kept at both our meeting houses both in morneing & afternoone.

Tho: Gouldney, Charles Jones, & William James or any two of them are desired to deale with John Mitchell in relation to his hipocricy in his late marriage per a priest.

⁴¹3d of 5th month. They reports that they have spoken with him, but not so effectuall but that they are yet free to speake with him againe.

William Twiss & Ann Twiss his wife sent in a paper judging themselves in their marriage by a priest, the said paper is apoynted to be kept amongst other papers of like nature.

The 31th of 11th month [January] 1675

Charles Harford signifieing that our publick stock is expended and in debt to persons that calls upon him for it, wherefore friends judgeth meete that a Collection be propagated, yet by reason this meeting is but few refers it to the next meeting.

Friends proposeing the conveniency of a gallerie on the west side of the meetinghouse. Upon consideracion thereof this meeting accords that a gallery will be very nessesary there, but refers it to be againe considered at the next meeting & then if nothing reasonable apeares to obstruct it tis desired that persons be nominated to contrive and finish the same.

14th of the 12th month [February] 1675

Friends agreeing to propogate a Collection for publick services

⁴⁰ Written accorging.

⁴¹ Added later.

of truth have at this meeting began their subscriptions and apoynted Thomas Jordan and Erasmus Dole to get the subscriptions finished & collect the moneys that shalbe so subscribed, & when collected to pay the same in to the hands of Charles Harford.

Tho: Goldney & Richard Yeate & Charles Harford are apoynted to contrive and finishe a gallerie on the west side of our meeting-house, and to defray the charge thereof out of the publick stock.

27th of the 1st month [March] 1676

Nothing materiall to record.

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10th of 2d month [April] 1676

John Cowleing & Mary Newton signified their intention of marriage. The said John produced to thes meeting certificates, both of his mothers concent, & allso from Friends of Keinsham in relation to his being cleare from others. Theophelos Newton & his wife, ye parents of the said Mary, was present & signified their aprobaton of the intended marriage.

the 24th of the 2d month [April] 1676

Jno. Couleing in pursueance of his former proposition attended this meeting, and nothing appeareing unto us meete to obstruct their marriage, they have the concent of this meeting to publish such their intentions in our publick meeting on any sixth day.

A paper that Mary Bowen Widdow hath sent to this meeting desireing assistance, is referred to the weomens meetings & to be signified to some of them at our next men & weomens meeting.

⁴²27th of 2d month. Memorandum. The paper was dillivered to Joan Heely & Eliz. Bathoe who were desired to communicate it as above desired.

Upon Erasmus Dole's signifieing unto us his intent of marriage with Sarah Wescott of London, & desire of certificate on his behalfe, wee have made inquiry & finds that his mother hath certefied to us hir concent, & he being knowne to us many yeares to be of sober deportment as becomes a friend, and as far as wee know free from other persons here in relation to marriage, have given him a certificate thereof.

8th of the 3d month [May] 1676

Be it remembred that the intention of marriage between Jno. Cowling & Mary Newton was published in our publick meeting the 5th of the month by Geo. Gough.

25th of 3d month. The meeting of men & weomen hath desired som friends to consider of the evell conversation of John Baber, & if they think meet to deale with him for the same to make a reterne

⁴² Added later.

of such their intentions to the next mens meeting.⁴³

5th of 4th month [June] 1676⁴⁴

In regard that John Baber hath been soe farr owned among friends as permitted to bury his child in our yard, wee think it our duty to serch after the truth of the matter reported, and if he be found guilty of such uncleanness as is reported of him, friends expects that he publickly condemns himselfe, if not that friends draw up a paper to publish against him. Ch. Harford & Ch. Jones are free to serch into the truth of it & discource with him thereon, & Dennis Hollister, if they take opertunity whils he is in the citty, is free to assist them.

The weomen's Meeting is desired to serch out the truth of the report that is concerning her that is reputed his wife.

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The 5th of 4th month [June] 1676

Thomas Watkins, by the mouthes of Charles Harford & Ch. Jones, desired the assistance of this meeting to be discharged of his servant Samuells Parsons, for that his unfaithfullness & disorder is such that he cannot well beare him in his house: to which friends saith litle at present more then that they expect Thomas Watkins & the lad to be present at this meeting before the matter be farther discourced.

Frinds hath concluded to make a Collection for suffering friends by the late fire in the towne of Northhampton & hath this day began their subscriptions this day, & hath referd the perfecting of said subscription & Collection of said moneys subscribed to Charles Jones Junior & Senior & Wm. Itheld, who doth undertake the same.

The 19th 4th Month [June] 1676

Charells Harford & Jno. Love are desired too sattisfie Walter Mearack for the cure of John Rogers who is a poore man.

Charells Harford & Charells Jones returnd this answer, that they had visited Jno. Baber and they find him unwilling to condemn himself by giveing out a paper, but rather indeavers to hide or cover his transgression which upon enquiry they find good cause to judge he is guilty off. Wherefore it is desired that William Rogers, Charells Harford & Richard Sneade doe draw up a paper against the said Jno. Baber, & to bring it into the Men & Weomens Meeting upon the next 5th day.

⁴⁵According to the above order a paper was brought into the Monthly Meeting, & forasmuch as it was not satisfactory, it is

⁴³ Minutes of this case will be found in C.1842 C.2 [96]; B.A.O., SF/A7/2.

⁴⁴ Dated 1675 in error.

⁴⁵ Added later.

referred back to this Meeting, that an effectually paper may be drawn up, and prosecuted to do its service.

3d of the 5th month [July] 1676

Whereas Ellis Hooks hath sent downe the Records of friends Sufferings in this city (before the king came in) to be reviewed, corrected & rectified, & returned up so don, it is referred to Tho. Gouldney, Wm. Foord, Richard Sneed, Wm. Rogers, & John Love or any two of them to effect the same.

The paper against Jno. Baber was amended & signed by the meeting & Tho: Callowhill is desired to draw a copie thereof for Richard Sneed & Eras. Dole to deliver unto the said Jno. Baber.

⁴⁶Tho: Goldney & Edward Martendale are desired to take any friends along with them or one of them & treat with Joseph Kippon on the behalfe of John Lucas & endeavor to settle the bissonness in difference betwixt them & to advise the said J. Lucas for the future.

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3 of 5th month [July] 1676

Edward Martendale & Richard Sneed are desired to treat with William Pledwell and inspect his condition in relation to his debts & necessities and if they find need to supply any present necessity they are desired to disburse for the same on our publick account.

Charles Harford is to disburse twenty five shillings out of the publick stock towards payment of John Rogers rent.

17th of 5th month [July] 1676

Charles Harford is desired to write Jno. Lucas at London & advise him to returne & what else may be with him to write to him or his landlord in relation to that buisness.

Friends doe advise that Wm. Pledwell obtaine a letter of lychence for 12 months from his creditors, which when don friends doe thinke meet to lend him 10 li. out of the publick stocke. Richard Sneed & Wm. Itheild are desirous⁴⁷ to acquaint him thereof.

⁴⁸A letter of licence being obtained. It is ordered that Charells Harford do pay to William Pledwell the tenn pound and to take his bond for it to be paid in twelve months.

14th the 6th Month [August] 1676

Charells Harford is ordered to disburse to the Widow Bowen forty five shillings out of the publique stock, to supply her necessities, to recover her bed where it is in pawne.

Jenkin Bartha and Ann Whinyard this day proposed their intentions of marriage, & the said Jenkin produced a paper from the Meeting at Leominster on his behalf, but for as much as he brought

⁴⁶ *The name Rich. Sneed has been deleted.*

⁴⁷ *Error for desired.*

⁴⁸ *Added later.*

not a certificate of his mothers consent, hee is desired to bring that on the next Meeting. The said Ann hath noe father, nor mother, nor guardian.

28th of 6th month [August] 76

Wm. Pledwell and Francis Ashhurst this day proposed their intentions of mariage, & then nothinge appeared worthy to obstruct their mariage.

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28th 6th month [August] 76

Richard Vickeris and John Love⁴⁹ undertakes to speake with Jno. Baber, and to informe him that the meetinge doe not receive his paper as full satisfaction from him, & leaves it to their discretion to treate him further aboute his miscariages.

This day certificate was brought from Jenkin Bartha's mother which gave satisfaction to permitt publicacion of his mariage in our publicke meetinge house.

Charles Harford is desired to continue his advice to Jno. Lucas to returne.

This day Theophilus Newton brought five pounds which was delivered to the treasurer as the guift of his father Henry Sutton for pious uses.

11th of 7th [September 1676]

Wm. Pledwell is permitted to cause publicacion of his mariage with Francis Ashhurst to be made in our publicke meetinge on any sixth day as hee shall thinke meet.

This day the meetinge is informed that Jenkin Bartha (who had permission to publish his intentions of mariage with Ann Whinyard) is engaged to another women, & therefore tis thought meet freinds concerne not themselves in assistinge to the accomplishment of his foresaid proposed mariage untill such time the matter now obstructinge bee cleared.

Charles Harford is desired to lend unto Edward Selman tenn pounds which if hee repay not, the meetinge doe agree that it shalbee repaid out of the publick stocke. Said sum is to assist in the building of his house which is lately burnt to the ground.

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Bee it remembered that the intention of marriage between William Pledwell & Frances Ashhurst was by John Weare published in our publick meeting on the 15th of this moneth.

25th 7 month [September] 1676

George Hawes & Deborah Withers signified their intentions of marriage, both declareing themsealves free from all other parties,

⁴⁹ *The name Thomas Watkins has been deleted.*

and upon this question to them : What provision is made for Mary Withers her late husbands daughter,

She Answers

That care is taken for a meet provision for her, which is intended to be effected before the accomplishment of their marriage.

In as much as wee can receive noe farther satisfaction from John Baber, wee desire that Richard Vickeris will read in our publick meeting the paper that friends hath given forth against him.

9th the 8th month [October] 1676

George Hawes is permitted to publish his intention of mariage with Deborah Withers on any sixt day in our publique Meeting place as hee shall think fitt. And Thomas Gouldney & William Ford certified that the provision for Mary Withers was finished.

The paper against Jno. Baber was read in our publique Meeting place by Richard Vickariss on the 26th day of the last month. Thomas Watkins is desired to shew a coppie of the sayd paper unto the constables that doe know the lewdness of the sayd Jno. Baber.

Be it remembred that the intention of marriage between Geo. Haws & Deborah Withers was published in our publick meeting per William James on the 13th of this instant.

23d of the 8th month [October] 1676

This meeting desireth Charles Harfford to disburst 30/s. to John Virrick out of the publick stock for his relife.

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the 6th 9th Month [November] 1676

Upon complaint of James Sturridg the Elder & William Cole of their decay of trade, this Meeting doe think fitt to take up fourty pounds of the mony of Jasper Cartwright, for 20 li. of which Richard Vickaris and Tho: Watkins are content to be bound, and for ye other 20 li. Jno. Hорт and William Lane are content to be bound. And for to save them harmless in their being soe bound, wee whose names are underwritten doe hereby engage ourselves. The above bound friends are to take the said 40 li. into their owne hands, and to disburse weekly to them, for one dozen of shoes to each per weeke, which shoes they are to receive on the delivery of the mony. & this to continue for soe many weeks as till the said somes in that proportion be out. And it is agreed by this Meeting that the above bound friends shall not stand bound above twelve months.

Memorandum. It is to be understood that we whose names are underwritten do subscribe this at the request and on the behalfe of this meeting; and that this meeting is ingaged to make good the losse if any shall happen.

Richd: Sneade	Thomas Gouldney
Charles Harford	James Wall
John Moone	Henry Didicott presentt
Charles Jones	James Cole
Edwd. Martindale	Charells Jones Junior
Cornelius Sarjant	William Ithel
William Dawson	Lawrance Steele
Geo. Hawes	John Weare
	Sampson Coysgarne
	George Gough

⁵⁰31 of 10th month 1677. The friends concerned & also the meeting are content to continue the concerns as above in the same method for this following 12 monethes.

The 20th of 9th month [November] 76

Richard Sneed, Charles Harford and Jno. Love are desired to account with John Ware touchinge bookes chargeable to this meetinge, & for such as they finde are not like to sell to consider what is best to be donne with them, & accordingly to give their sense to the next meetinge, & what monyes they shall disburse for the same to Jno. Ware tis agreed shalbee charged to the publicke stocke.

Richard Bird and Sarah Cornish this day proposed their intentions of mariage, & nothinge appeares at present wherefore it ought to bee obstructed.

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14th of 10th month [December] 1676

The men & weomen's meeting have desired Jno. Moone to speak to Rebecca Johns to be present next mens meeting & desires the men friends, if shee appeare, to deale with her & let her know that friends neither heretofore have had nor now hath unity with her but disowns her hipockricy.⁵¹

18th instant. She was present & friends dealt with her accordingly, and hath desired Jno. Moone & William Rogers to draw up a paper to testefy to her neybouris that wee have not unity with her.

18th 10th month [December] 76

Charles Harford is desired to pay 4 li. out of ye publick stock to Richard Sneed who is desired to pay the said Fower pounds unto Edward Webbly to be by him desposed to those charitable uses which Friends have directed.

Tis signified to this meeting that one Thomas Pugsly layeth claime to Sarah Cornish, for some promise he pretends she formerly made to him. Friends hath therefore desired Phill. Higginbotham, Isack Patridge & Iserall Burd to serch out the truth thereof.

⁵⁰ Added later.

⁵¹ C.1842 C.2 [96]; B.A.O., SF/A7/2.

1st of 11th month [January] 1676/7

Isack Patridg & Iserall Bird reterns this, that they with Phillip Higenbotham hath spoken with Tho: Pugsly and desired him to produce his evidence or matter that he hath for his claime against Sarah Cornish, & that he promised them to produce it at the house of Philip Higginbotham on the 29th day of the 10th month at ye 4th houre in the afternoon, & nominated Richard Lardge to be present on his parte. But on the time apoynted & the parties present, yet the said Tho. Pugsly refused to appeare.⁵²

Friends doe now advise that Iserall Bird, Phil. Higinbotham & Isack Patridge, together with Richard Lardge, will in writeing under their hands certefy to us the truth of what they find in discourse with the said T. P. and his witnesses. And in as much as by discourse with him & his neybouris it appears most likely that he hath noe good grownd for his claime, friends doe therefore permitt that Richard Bird & Sarah Cornish may cause their intention of marriage to be published in our meeting, provided they first give the said T. Pugsly notice of the time & place of publication.

Som matters were spoken in relation to Jno. Hardemans daughters late marriage;⁵³ & late strife betwixt Andrew Gale & his wife; all which is remembred in paper & referd to the next men & weomen's meeting.⁵⁴

Tho. Callowhill & Richard Vickeris is desired to prepare a paper that shall beare testemoney against the loose conversation & hypocrisy amongst divers that profess the truth & live not accordingly.

the 15th of ye 11th month [January] 1676

The said paper being made ready as above was desired, is left with Lawrance Steele, who is desired by thes meeting to read the same on the next first day as he shall find it seasonable & convenient.

Be it remembred that the intention of marriage between Richard Bird & Sarah Cornish was published in our meeting by Jno. Higgins the⁵⁵ of the 11th month 1676.

& wee have it certefied that Tho. Pugsly had first notice of the intention of such publicacion.⁵⁶

[p. 62] 15th of ye 11th month [January] 1676

Iserall Bird and Isack Partridge brought in papers giveing account of their proceedings as afore was directed, and also relats unto us som discourse they had with their neybouris. Now on the whole wee have a sence that Thomas Pugsly hath rather a designe to injure

⁵² C.1842 C.17 [139]; B.A.O., SF/A7/4, 25.

⁵³ *Deleted is:* & the marriage of daughters of James Dollings daughters.

⁵⁴ Men and Women's Meeting, 11 Jan. 1677.

⁵⁵ Blank left in the original.

⁵⁶ C.1842 C.17 [139]; B.A.O., SF/A7/4, 26, dated 3 Jan. 1677.

them, or to get a litle money from them, then good grownd for his claime, wherefore this meeting hath nothing with them to obstruct the said Richard & Sarah in their marriage, only this, to advise the said Richard first to take with him two neybour to Tho. Pugsly of sober conversation, & before them to acquaint the said Thomas that the matters in relation to marriage between him & Sarah is cleared amongst his friends & tell him their intentions in accomplishment thereof. But if he the said Tho. will still insist upon his claime & fayerly bring forth his testimonys before his neybour for them to heare, that they the said Richard & Sarah will yet soe much the longer as may be convenient defer their marriage.⁵⁷

Samuell Turner and Mary Rumsy proposed their intentions of marriage, butt in that wee find that the said Samuell & Mary are sisters children, wee have signified to them that wee have not freedome to countenance them in such their intentions being of soe neare a kind. The meeting unanimously beareing their testimony against it, & adviseth & warneth them to be warey how they proceed therein.

The 12th day of the 12th month [February] 1676

Thomas Moseley of this city haveing this day proposed his intentions of takeing to wife Anne James of French hey meeting; and desireing a certificate from this meeting to the friends of that meeting; wee haveing made due inspection into the matter so far as concernes him; and finding [him] cleare and free from all other women; & that we could not find any thing appeare to us wherefore wee should obstruct him in his proceedings therin, have at his request certified the same on his behalfe.

26. of 12th month [February] 1676

Friends agreeing to propagate a Collection for ye poore & other nessessary services relateing to the truth, have at this meeting begun their subscriptions & desired George Hawes & Cornelius Serjant to get the said⁵⁸ subscriptions finished & collect the moneys that shalbe soe subscribed, & when collected to pay the same into the hands of Charles Harford.

12th of the first month [March] 1676/77

The condition of Richard & Philipia Adamson being recommended to this meeting by the late meeting of men & weomen,⁵⁹ John Burneyate & Edward Martendale have exprest themselves free to vissit them.

⁵⁷ The marriage took place 16 Feb. 1677. Other testimony in the case is in Friends House Library, Dix E.4.B.

⁵⁸ *Altered from same.*

⁵⁹ 8 March 1677. C.1842 C.2 [96]; B.A.O., SF/A7/2.

[p. 62a] The 12th of ye First month [March] 1676/77

Tho. Gouldney, Charles Jones, Edward Martendale, Jno. Love, Charles Harford, Richard Vickris, Tho. Callowhill, William Foord, Tho. Watkins & Richard Sneed or any eight of them are desired to looke over such papers as are directed to this meeting or given forth by this meeting in order that such as they shall see meet may bee recorded.

⁶⁰They proposeth to meet at this place the 30th of this instant at 3d houre afternoone.

This meeting being doubtfull that there is som neglect in the recording of the births of Friends children, tis therefore desired that the weomens meeting be reminded of the service they undertook therein at their meeting, 8th of 3d month 1671.

26th of ye 1st month [March] 1677

Charles Jones & Edward Martendale acquaints this meeting that they have spoken with Richard Adamson & his wife, who doth confess the fact of their enequity but hath noe apeareance of tenterness or contrition of heart for the same, but in a hardned spirit and a reflecting frame of mynd doth frequently reflect on others.

Friends takeing notice not only of his stobornness and rebellion against his parrents, which by credible witnesses & his owne confession hath appeared, but also of his disorderly deportment since he resided here, notwithstanding his frequenting our meetings it doth barr him from haveing any reception amongst us, and therefore doe desire Richard Sneed & Tho. Callowhill to prepare a paper against next men & weomen's meeting that upon their aprobatation it may be given forth as a testimony against him.

⁶¹It is Efected & James Cole & John Weare was per the men & weomen's meeting⁶² desired to present it to him & read it in his heareing.

23d of 2d month. They signify that they have don it.

James Cole & Wm. Ford are desired to speake with John Lovell & inspect the records of the burialls of friends & serch whether the same be well & duly recorded or not, & to give a report thereof to the next meeting.

⁶¹8th of 2d month. They report that they find the same orderly kept, only doe think that if the place where the deceaced person departed were also mentioned that it would be more effectuell to answer a good record. Wherefore, it is advised that the parties concerned with Tho. Bowes will take care therof to signify the same in their accounts to the Register.

William Dedicate the son of Henry Dedicote signifeing to this meeting his intention to joyne in marriage with Mary the daughter

⁶⁰ Added later.

⁶¹ Added later.

⁶² Men and women's meeting, 12 April 1677.

of John Wickham of Shortwood & desired a Certificate on his behalfe; his father being present doth signify his free concent & aprobatation thereof, & nothing apeareing unto us meet to obstruct the same, have given such certificate & desired Tho. Callowhill & Richard Sneed to signe the same in the name of the meeting.

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9th of the 2d month [April] 1677

Whereas wee find some friends through ignorance are slack in bringing in the accounts of the birthes of their children to be recorded, tis desired that friends be minded thereof from time to time both at the weomens meeting & at our monethly m. & weo. [men and women's] meeting untill friends bee more mindfull & ready to observe the same.

Here haveing been read ye paper from ye Yearly meeting at London, dated 17th of 3d month 1676 concerning our contrebution to the stock for ye publick services, tis the desire of this meeting that a certaine summe be nomenated by the next meeting or with such expedition as that the same may be remitted to London, before the next Yearly meeting.

23d of 2d month [April] 77

Symon Clemants and Mary Hollister signified their intentions of marriage & desires to have the aprobatation of Friends, soe as to have the same accomplished in the manner & way of friends.

Walter Clemant, father of Symon, was present & signified his concent and aprobatation. Tho: Callowhill, Tho. Jordan & their wives, ye relations of Mary, being also present signified the like.

the 7th the 3d Month [May] 77

John Tylor and Joan Bayly signified their intentions of mariage & desires to have the approbation of friends soe as to have the same accomplished in the manner and way of friends. They produced certificates from their parents, which were not sufficient, so they are desired to bring more effectuell ones against the next Meeting.

Charells Harvord is desired to disburse twenty pounds out of the publique stock towards the contribution for the carrying on the publique services of trueth beyond the seas & the recording of friends sufferings in ye nation in gennerall.

Simon Clement appeard the second tyme, and he is permitted to publish his intention of mariage with Mary Hollister in our publique Meeting place on any sixth day as hee shall see meett.

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21th of ye 3d month [May] 77

William Taylour of this Citty Baker & Elizabeth Webb signified their intentions of marriage, & produced certificats that Jno. Hollister & Joan his wife, the father in law & mother of the said

Elizabeth, doth concent thereunto, & also that William Taylour the father of the said William doth likewise consent.

John Bennet of this citty shoemaker & Sarah Robins signified their intentions of marriage. In as much as tis questioned whither the said John be free from ingadgment with Ann Curtice, Rich. Sneed, Jno. Wear, Geo: Gough & Philip Hollister are desired to speake with the said Ann Curtice & examine the matter, & give an account thereof on next meeting.

Be it remembred that the intention of marriage between Symon Clemants & Mary Hollister was published in our publick meeting by Edward Martendale, the 18th day of this present moneth.

Tho. Bradford of this citty carpenter & Cissilla Deverell daughter of Gifford Deverell of Rowd in Wiltshire signified their intention of marriage & produced a certificate that Jeoffard Deverell and Mary Deverell, father & mother of the said Cissila, doth concent thereunto; and a certificate that John Bowcher & Elizabeth his wife the father in law & mother of the said Thomas doth have satisfaction therin & consents to their marriage.

Jno. Tylor and Joan Bayly, haveing the last meeteing signified their intentions of marriage, to this meeting produced certificates of the concent of their parents to satisfaction of the meeting, & have the concent of this meeting to cause such their Intents to be published.

⁶³And was published on 25th instant in our publick meeting house by Jno. Weare.

Wheras Jenkin Bartha and Anne Whineyard had proposed (the 28th day of the 6th month last) their intent of marriage & upon publicacion it was dowbtfull whether the said Jenkin was not intangled with one Eliz. Thomas in such a relation; therefore the aprobacion of their marriage hath hitherto been deferred. Now to this meeting is brought a release under the hand & seale of the said Elizabeth Thomas, testefied per Mary Michells, Joan Taylor, & Wm. Walker at London.

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21th 3d mo. 77

Floris Cooper, per the mouth of Joseph Kippon, hath signified his intent of marriage with Constant Hayward & desires a certificate on his behalfe. Friends haveing a good testemoney of the deportment of the said Floris whilst he resided here, & not knowing anything meet to obstruct their marriage, doe advise that such certificate should be given him, signed by Wm. Ithield, Rich. Sneed & others.

4th 4th month [June] 77

Bee it remembred that William Taylor appeared the 2d time and is permitted to publish his intentions of marriage with Elizabeth Webb

⁶³ Added later.

in ower publicke meeting place on any 6th day of the weeke hee shall see meet.

⁶⁴Be it remembred that the intention of marriage of Wm. Taylor & Eliz. Webb was published in our publick meeting by Hen: Dedicot, the 8th of the 4th month 77.

18th of 4th month [June] 1677

William Plomer of Kingswood signifeing his intention of marriage with Frances Piller of Frenchhaye meeting & to consumate the same among our friends at Frenchhaye, & desires a certeficate on his behalfe. In as much as the friends present have litle knowlige of him they deferrs it, desireing Tho. Watkins & Philip Hollister to make enquiry amonge his neibours of his conversation & to acquaint this meeting thereof at next meeting.

Tho. Bradford haveing the former meeting signified his intent of marriage with Cissilla Deverell, and in as much as there apeares to us nothing meet to obstruct it, he have concent of this meeting to cause such their intentions to be published in our publick meeting.

Jno. Court signified his intention of marriage with Lidia Clarke and to consumate the same among friends at Slawhawhouse meeting & desired our certeficate on his behalfe. His master Jno. Weare gives testimony to his honest & sober deportment, & wee cannot heare of any thing meet to obstruct their marriage, which by this meeting wee certefy.

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18th of the 4th month [June 1677]

Benjamine Mainsell complaining to this meeting of wrong that he sustains from Jno. Barnes; William Itheld & Jno. Baunton are desired to acquaint them both, that tis the desire of this meeting that they will choose some friends to whom they will refer their matter to be decided.⁶⁵

2st⁶⁶ of the 5th month [July] 1677

Jno. Barnes being prestant with us, saith he knoweth of no wrong he hath don to Benja. Maincell & therefore doth refer the heareing & determining of such matters Ben: Mancell shall charge him with, to Jno. Baunton & Wm. Ithield & any other two persons whom the said Benjamine shall choose. Benjamine Maincell apeared also (before the end of the meeting) & hath nominated Ch. Jones & Wm. Ford to joyne with them, to heare & determine the same.

⁶⁴27th of 6th month. They have heard & determined the matter in difference to the satisfaction of the parties.

Freinds doe desire that Edward Martindale, Richard Vickeris, &

⁶⁴ Added later.

⁶⁵ C.1842 C.17 [139]; B.A.O., SF/A7/4, 143.

⁶⁶ Altered from 1st.

Erasmus Dole will adde their assistance to Charles Harford, Thomas Gouldeny, Charles Jones & William Rogers in a future care for Samuell the son of Thomas Parsons, that soe the trust which freinds, by their agreement & order dated the 20th of the 1st moneth 1670, have taken upon them may bee duely performed. And what any foure of the abovenamed friends doe agree on as to the further disposall of the said Samuell, the meetinge doe agree to rest satisfied with & also to reimburse them what charge shalbee expended in order thereto, & what they doe therein to signify to the meetinge.

⁶⁷27th of 6th month 77. They have agreed that he shall goe againe on the Bristoll marchant, & have disburst for his nessesarys.

William Belcher & Jane Bayly signified their intention of marriage, there being noe parents liveing on either side, but Jane Wathen her mistress being present acquaints this meeting that she hath behaved her selfe as a fathfull servant with her, & that she doth approve of ther intentions.

[p. 65] 2th of the 5th month [July] 1677

Phillip Hollister acquainted this meeting that he hath made enquery concerning the conversation of William Plomer, and cannot find but that he hath walked orderly & soberly according to the sence and understanding he hath of truth, nor can wee heare of any matter against him meete to obstruct his intended marriage. Wherefore this meeting doth agree to give him a certificate to that effect.

Bee it remembred that the intention of marriage betwixt Tho. Bradford & Cissillia Deverell was published per Iserell Bird.

Richard Sneed, Phillip Hollister & Thomas Watkins are desired to speake to An Curtis & her mother to bee present the next meetinge with Jno. Bennet & his freind Sarah Robins, that so the meetinge may have a thorough understanding of the state of the case depending between the said Jno., An & Sarah relatinge to marriage. And if so bee Ann Curtis & her mother refuse to come, then R.S., Ph.H., & Tho. Watkins are requested to acquaint them that tis desired that they will meet with the said Jno. Bennet & Sarah Robins in presence of Richard Sneed, Jno. Moone, Edward Martindale, Tho. Callohill, Wm. Ford, Charles Harford, Jno. Love, Richard Vickeris, Wm. Lane, Charles Jones, Phillip Hollister & Thomas Watkins or any eight of them, who in that case are desired to represent in writinge the exact state of the aforesaid case dependinge the next Meetinge.⁶⁸

16th of 5th month [July] 77

Anne Curtis & her mother, Jno. Bennet & Sarah Robins were this day present & on the hearinge of the case freinds doe desire Ann

⁶⁷ Added later.

⁶⁸ A paper (from John Cox, to Charles Jones, 4 June 1677) on the case is in C.1842 C.17 [139]; B.A.O., SF/A7/4, 31.

Curtis to deliver to Richard Sneed a paper given to her by John Bennett, & Jno. Bennett & his freind are desired to waite longer.

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16th of 5th month [July] 77

Wm. Belcher and Jane Bayly are permitted to publish their intention of mariage.

⁶⁹On the 27th of 5th month 1677 John Ware made publication of the ententions of a marriage between Wm. Belcher & Jane Bayly in our publicke Meeting house.

30th 5th month [July] 1677

Jno. Pope and Mary Jone this day proposed their intentions of mariage & Theophilus Newton and James Steridge are desired to enquire against the next mens meetinge touchinge their conversations. Mary Carver mother of the said Mary was present & signified her concent.

13th of the 6th month [August] 77

Theophilus Newton & James Stirrage saith they have made enquiry as above is desired, & cannot heare any thing worthy to be in charge against the conversation of either of them, rather that they behave themselves orderly soe farr as they have a sence of the truth.

Jno. Pope & Mary Jone are permitted to publish their intentions of marriage.

27th of the 6th month [August] 77

Bee it remembred that the intention of marriage between Jno. Pope & Mary Jone was published in our publick meeting the 17th of this present moneth per James Stirrage.

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10th of 7th month [September] 1677⁷⁰

24th of 7th month [September] 1677

Edward Perin and Mary Robinson did this day lay their intentions of mariage before this meeting, desireing that they might have liberty to have the same caried on and accomplished in they way, & order of friends; the father & mother of said Mary being present; did signify their consent: and produced a certificate from the friends of Youghall in Ireland where shee hath formerly been resident, to the friends of this meeting of her deportment there in the truth, with her being cleare from all other persons on the account of mariage, so far as they know.

Mary Bowen widdow haveing made complaint to this meeting that shee wants to be righted touching her late husbands mothers

⁶⁹ Added later.

⁷⁰ Half-page left blank beneath this date heading.

will, & have nominated and desired Charls Jones, Richard Sneed, & Wm. Lane, Erasmus Dole, & Geo: Phipps, to heare, examine and assist in the recovering of her right in anything that shee can make appeare so to bee.

8th of 8th month [October] 77

Edward Perrin & Mary Robinson haveing at the former meeting proposed their intention of marriage, & things being soe farr as wee see cleare: they have the concent of this meeting to cause such their intentions to be published in our publick meeting.

⁷¹The 19th of the 8th month 77. Erasmus Dole published there intentions of mariage in the publique meeting.

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8th of 8th month [October] 1677

Whereas this meeting did on ye 23d of ye 4th mo. 1673 desire Tho. Gouldney, William Rogers, Wm. Foord, Charles Harford, John Love, Edw. Martendale, Tho. Callowhill & Charles Jones, or any six of them to inspect the writeing[s] of our meeting houses & burring yards, in regard some of the former trustees are since dead, to settle the same soe as it may be preserved according to the intended uses thereof. Tis desired that they will be mindfull thereof.

22 of 8 month [October] 1677

Tho. Gouldney, Rich. Sneed, Edw. Martendale, Charles Harford, Charles Jones & Tho. Callowhill, or as many of them as may conveniently, are desired to acquaint the Monethly or quarterly Meeting of Friends in the west parts of the county of Gloucester of our sympathy with our friends of Frenchay, Oldston & Kings weston or other meetings, in theyr present sufferings; and of our readiness to supply if there be need.⁷²

5th 9th month [November] 1677

They acquaints this meeting that this present day they were present with friends at a monethly meeting held at Frenchhay, and acquainted them as above is desired; who friendly receives such proposall of our love, but saith they know not at present of any need for suply, butt when they have made farther inspection if they find need will give us notice thereof.

19th of 9th month [November] 1677

Tis agreed by friends in this meeting that if any papers from any friend or Friends directed to this meeting or to friends, thereby meaning friends in Generall, be presented, that they may be read and heard and left in the meeting for the service of the meeting, not

⁷¹ Added later.

⁷² For Gloucestershire sufferings this year, see Besse, *Sufferings*, I.218-20.

permitting any to deface it or carry it away without the concent of the meeting, though they may take copie or copies thereof. And farther, that friends will as farr as they cann with a cleare conscience forbear contending about papers that soe may or have been read, but if any occation of discource or controversy shall arise thereabout, rather to appoynt som other day for the discource thereof. And that all those papers that hath been read in this meeting and hath been carryed out, either by the parties that brought them in or others; shall be brought in againe. And that all such papers as hath been already brought in or hereafter shalbe brought in shall have some date or title superscribed thereon & A Cathologue thereof kept in this meeting.

See ye later part of this book.⁷³

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The 3d of 10th month [December] 1677

Thomas Preter & Mary Dickinson proposed their intentions of marriage. Lemon Dickinson father of the said Mary, being present, signified both his owne & his wifes concent & aprobaton therin. Tis expected that he shall procure some certeficate of his mothers concent, & of his being cleare from like ingadgment to any other person.

William Smith & Lydia his wife, streingers in this citty, being poore & intending to travell to Ireland, desiring som releife, Friends doth allow that Charles Harford shall disburst 20/s. out of our publick stock, viz. 10/s. towards their present suply & towards their provision, and other ten shillings to pay their passage when they shall be ready sayle. Friends also doth allow that 10/s. formerly disburst by Rich. Sneed towards their releife shalbee also reimburst out of publick stock.

17th of 10th month [December] 77

Hannah Wildmayd who some tyme of late lived a servant with John Moone; and now in the county of Monm[ou]th, & intending marriage there or in the county of Heriford, desires this meeting to give a certeficate for her as farr as they know of theyr being cleare from persons here, & also what they can of her conversation whilst she resided here.

Jno. Moone, & Richard Sneed, & Geo. Phips & Jno. Weare teste-fieth in this meeting that she behaved herselfe orderly whilst she resided here, & doe not know that she was at any time engad[g]ed to any person in relation to marriage.

This meeting therefore adviseth that such certeficate be given her, & that Jno. Moone, Geo. Phips, Richard Sneed, & Tho. Callowhill signe it on the behalfe of the meeting.

⁷³ Two entries appear on p. 137 of the minute book. Although the minutes do not say anything, the meeting was at this time racked with divisions in the Wilkinson-Story controversy; *SPQ* 313. See p. 191 below.

14th of 11th month [January] 77

Friends desires that on the first day of that weeke that shall next follow our Fayer day, meetings bee at both our meetinghouses both morneing & afternoone. ⁷⁴L. Steel is desired to give friends notis thereof in our publick meeting before that tyme.

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14th 11th month [January] 77

Thomas Preter in persuance of his former proposall, brought a certificate from his mother of her aprobacion & concent to his intended marriage. He hath the concent of this meeting to cause their intentions of marriage to be published in our publick meeting.

11th of the 12th month [February] 1677⁷⁵

Be it remembred that the intention of marriage between Tho. Preter & Mary Dickinson was published in our publick meeting on the 18th of the 11th month last past by William Rowch.

25th of the 12th month [February] 1677

The present nessesitys of William Cole & his wife, being aged & poore, hath been recommended to this meeting, Friends have desired John Love, Charles Harford, Cornelius Serjent, & Jno. Hort or any three of them, to inspect their condition & (if they shall find need soe to doe) to disburst any summe not exceeding three pownds for their present nessesitys, which is to be defrayed out of our publick stock, and to acquaint this meeting how they find them capeable for a future subsistance.

Richard Pay, a person deputed to collect according to a Breife graunted to the inhabitants of the towne of Wem in the County of Salop who have suffered greate loss by fyre (said to bee 23600 lis.), haveing recommended said Brife to our meeting & desired our charity, Friends proposeth to give them five pounds out of our publick stock & desireth Ch. Harford to disburst the same: and also, Tho. Gouldney, Charles Harford, Edward Martindale or somme of them to ingadge Thomas Ricroft, or some other person proper, that the said 5 li. shalbe truly imployed to the use of said sufferers.⁷⁶

11th of 1st month [March] 1677/78

Jno. Love & Charles Harford acquaints this meeting that they saw meet to disburst 3 li. to Wm. Cole & farther proposeth that 30/s.

⁷⁴ Deleted is: Israell Bird or.

⁷⁵ Fox (*Short Journal*, 263) records a Men's Meeting at which he was present, 28 Jan. 1678, but of this there is no trace. It was the time of the winter fair, so attendance might be small. The return of publication of marriage on 18 Jan. was not minuted until 11 Feb. George Fox (*Short Journal*, 264) was present at the meeting on 11 Feb. and reports that William Rogers was very contentious.

⁷⁶ See *Jnl. F.H.S.* 48 (1958), p. 271.

more might be allowed him which they hope will be a pretty good helpe towards his reliefe for a considerable tyme to come. This meeting being satisfied therewith doth allow that 30/s. more be given him out of our publick stock.

[p. 68] 11th of ye first month [March] 1677/78

William Davis & Hannah Jefferis proposed their intention of marriage. In as much as it hath been observed that the said William hath of late had some converss with Hester Gest in the like relation, William Foord & James Cole are desired to speake with said Hester, & to acquaint the next meeting whether she lay any claime to him or not.

Our publick stock being out, this meeting concludeth to make a Collection for charitable uses and other services relateing to the truth, & hath this day began their subscriptions & doe desire James Cole, Henry Dedicott, & Charles Jones Junior to perfit & collect the same.

A paper dated at the Yearly meeting held at London the 5th of the 4th month 1677 was Read, and the consideracion for an answer thereunto is referred to the next meeting.

the 25th of 1st month [March] 1678

For as much as friends have a sence that inconveniency and greife hath hapened to som friends, by some young people amongst us in their entangling their affections each to other in relation to marriage before they have acquainted their relations therewith, Charles Harford, Lawrenc Steel & Tho. Callowhill or any two of them are desired to draw up a paper which shall containe the sence & advice of this meeting for prevention of such like inconveniencys for the time to come. Which paper they are desired to bring to this next meeting to bee aproved and disposed as shall be seen meete.

⁷⁷22th of 2d month. The paper was brought in & is to be againe perused by friends as will meete together for said end on the next 4th day at the 4th houre in the afternoone, & after that to be brought in to the next mens meeting.

Geo. Haws & James Wall being free are desired to use their indeavers to prevent & discourage the rudeness of boys in and about the meeting house at meeting times untill the next meeting.

8th of 2d month [April] 1678

James Cole & Cornelius Serjent are free for the next fortnight to take care to prevent the rudeness of boyes as above said.

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the 8th of 2d month [April] 1678

Arther Russell & Joan Houlder proposed their intention of

⁷⁷ Added later.

marriage. Elener Houlder the mother of the said Joan was present and signified her aprobacion thereof, but inasmuch as the meeting hath little knowldg of Arther, they have desired Wm. Lane & Erasmuss Dole to inquiry among som friends that know him & acquaint this meeting how they find it, that soe wee may be more cleare in our proceedings therein. & it is expected that Arther shall procure a certificate of the aprobacion of his mother.

William Foord & James Cole, & divers other friends haveing given us account how matters stands between William Davis & Hester Gest; upon consideracion thereof friends doe not see cause to defer the said William from causing his intentions of marriage with Hannah Jefferis to be published, but leaves it to him, to cause the same to be published in our publick meeting.

Be it remembred that the intention of marriage between Wm. Davis & Hannah Jefferis⁷⁸ was published in our publick meeting by Jeremiah Hignell the 12th day of 2d month 78.

the 22th of 2d month [April] 1678

Arther Russell, appeareing againe in pursuance of his former intention, hath brought a certificate of his mothers aprobacion, is permitted to cause such his intentions to be published in our publick meeting.

Charles Jones & Tho. Callowhill are free for the following fourt-night to have a oversight to prevent the rudenes of boyes in & about the meetings.

& Paul Moone & Wm. Dauson are free to attend the same service at our meeting over ye bridge.

Tis desired that a farther consideration for the better keeping the records of the births of friends children be had the next meeting.

6th of 3d month [May] 1678

Be it remembred that the intentions of marriage between Arther Russell & Joan Houlder was published the 26th of the 2d month last past by Nicholas Taylor in our publick meeting.

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6th of ye 3d month [May] 1678

Jeremiah Hignell, Iserell Bird & Wm. Lane are free to set in the galleris for the following fortnight, to prevent the rudeness of boyes.

Edward Martendale & Thomas Callowhill are desired to draw up a short paper with Blancks convenient for certificats of the birth of our Friends children, & to procure the same to be printed at ye charge of this meeting.

And for the better effecting a perfit record of the births of Friends children in & about this citty, Friends doe agree to imploy Christian Roe to make it her bissonness to collect all such births, & every

⁷⁸ *The name Hester Gest is deleted.*

meeting to bring in an account thereof to this our meeting.

A paper of Advice to the youth of friends in this citty & others concerned in relation to marriage, was brought in & being to the Likeing of the meeting, [it] is desired that it may be subscribed by Tho. Gouldney, Charles Harford, Charles Jones, Wm. Ford, Lawrance Steele & Tho. Callowhill on the behalfe of this meeting, who are also desired to procure the same printed for the more convenient spreading thereof, & that Friends of this meeting will be at charge to take of 500 copies.⁷⁹

20th 3d month [May] 1678

William Forde and Edward Martendall and Cornelius Sarjant are free to sett in the gallery for the following two first days to endeavor to prevent the rudeness of the boyes.

Richard Vickris.

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3d of 4th month [June] 1678

John Hale & James Sturidge senior ar free to sit in the gallery to look to the boys the next two first days folowing.

the 17th of 4th month [June] 1678

James Henton & Mary Cox proposed their intention of marriage: Nathaniell Evans & Johannah his wif, ukle & aunt of said Mary being present, doth not only signifie their owne aprobacion, but also testefieth that Alce Lane, mother of said Mary doth concent to their intended marriage. Tis expected that James procure a certeficate of his mothers consent & somewhat from the friends of Painswick where he formerly resided, that may certefie us of his conversation whilst he lived amongst them, & of his being cleare as farr as they know from ingadgment to any other of like nature there.

The papers for Advise to the youth of our friends in this citty & elcwhere being printed & 500 of them now ready in this meeting, Lawrance Steele is desired to read one in our publick meeting on first day.

Tho. Watkins, Jno. Moone, Charles Harford, T. Callowhill, Wm. Mainerd, Ed. Erbury, Wm. Dawson, Wm. Foord, Wm. Lane, Willm. Ithield, Ch. Jones, L. Steel, & Jno. Weare, are desired to dispers as many as they may see meet to their neighbouring friends & others in such circut as is particularly assigned to them.

James Stiridg Junior & Wm. Dawson are free to set in the gallery to prevent the rudeness of boyes, first day at meetings.

⁷⁹ The printed paper "Unto the youth . . ." B.A.O., SF/C1/1(a); Bristol MSS. V.117-8; *Jnl. F.H.S.*, 9 (1912), 195 and 25 (1928), 11-13. The manuscript copy (Bristol MSS. V.117-8) has 35 names subscribed (two, Edmond Bennet and William Ithield, make their marks); the printer's name is given, "Andrew Sole in Hog lane in Hollaway court, in Shore ditch".

first of 5th moneth [July] 1678

James Hinton bringing in a certificate of his mothers consent to his marriage, & also of som friends from Painswick & Stapleton of his orderly conversation, & friends finding nothing meet to obstruct his marriage doth consent that he may cause his intentions to be published in our publick meeting.

⁸⁰15th of 5th month 78. Memorandum. The intention of marriage betwixt James Henton & Mary Cox was publisht in our publick meeting by James Stirage on the 12th day of 5th month 1678.

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first of the 5th month [July] 1678

Richard March & Susanah Packer signified their intention of marriage, & to proceed therein in the way of friends. Richard March the father of said Richard was present, soe also was Ann Packer the mother of said Susanah, who signified their consent & approbacion on their intended marriage: yet in as much as said Richard is an inhabitant of Kingsbridge in Deavonshire, tis expected that he procure a certificate from the meeting there, towching his conversation & cleareness from such ingadgment to other persons: also tis expected that Susannah procure a certificate of her fathers approbacion.

For the more full and compleate keeping the records of the birthes of friends children, Friends desires that the weomens meeting will view over those certificats that hath been of late brought in, and if they find any to be omitted since the beginning of the 3d moneth last, that they will write downe the names of those who are omitted in a paper, and also it is desired that they will at every meeting from time to time make enquiry amongst themselves & find what are then in childbed & enter downe the names of all such weomen, to the end the friends who is to keepe a regester of the same may observe whether the certificats thereof shalbe brought in or, if not, that they may be looked after & not omitted.

Tis the desire of Friends that all papers that are Generall Epistells, or other publicke writeings, or printed books given forth by our Antient friends Jno. Audland & Jno. Cam or either of them, in relation to Truth, be collected together & prepared to be printed.

Wheras, per a letter from Olivr Sansom tis signified that Charles Woodward apeareth among friends in som part of Gloucershire as a person at unity & reconciled to friends at Bristoll, among whom he some time heretofore disorderly lived & gave offence by his wicked & disorderly conversation, this meeting desires Tho. Gouldney, R. Sneet, C. Harford, Er. Dole, & Thos. Callowhill, or any two or three of them, to serch the records and papers that relats to Ch. Woodward and give some account thereof to Oliver Sansom or other friends, whom they may think fitt to concerne therein.

⁸⁰ Added later.

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1st of 5th month [July 1678]

Hen. Dedicate & Peter Young are free to set in the gallery to see to prevent rudeness of boys there at meeting time for the 14 dayes to come.

15th of the 5th⁸¹ month [July] 78

The papers concerning Charles Woodward was brought to the meeting, & he present & appeared to be an extraordinary unclean person that hath a sheeps coate to put on. Wm. Rogers is desired to joyne with the friends before apoynted to write to Friends of Camden what they may see meet.

All which, & his papers now rests in the custody of Tho. Callowhill.⁸²

He himselfe acknowledged that he had som tyme, neare 2 yeares late past, lived a debouched life, an Atheist in principle, in drunkenness, swearing, foresakeing his wife & liveing with a harlot, changing his name to Cha: Jones.

Shewing himselfe now penitent & submitting himselfe to the advice of the meeting.

The meting advised him to setle here close to his labour, & labour dilligent therein, that thereby he might become more capeable to discharge those debts he had contracted, & not to travell abroad knowing his heart was deceitfull & his pretences fayre, that might doe hurt & deceive people that knew him not.

12th of the 6th month [August 1678]

This meeting being informed by Wm. Ithield & James Stirrige that Charles Woodward is gon hence intending for Ireland. This meeting therefore desires Tho. Gouldney, Wm. Rogers, C. H. [Charles Harford], & Th. Callowhill, Rich. Sneed or any three of them to write a short paper & signe per order of this meeting, directed to Friends in Ireland & elcewhere to caution them to beware of him.

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26th of the 6th month [August] 1678

Robert Rudle & Grace Marsh signified their intentions of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way of friends. Robert produced a certeficate from his mother & father in law Ambros Blake. Richard Marsh, father of said Grace Marsh, was present and signified his concent and aprobacion therunto.

Jonathon Packer & Sarah Baugh signified to this meeting their intentions of marriage. John Packer father of said Jonathon being present signifieth his aprobacion. Also William Baugh father of said Sarah certefieth his aprobacion, which was also testefied to us

⁸¹ *Given as 3d.*

⁸² C.1842 C.17 [139]; B.A.O., SF/A7/4, 37-40, 45.

per Mary Gouldney, Mary Burgis, & Ann James. The said Jonathon, being suddenly bound away to Virgina, desires the speedy effecting thereof, it also being the earnest request of her now dyeing mother: and things apeareing cleare betwixt them, Friends doth consent that he cause their intentions of mariage to be published in our publick meeting.

Philip Russell and Sarah Gush signified their intentions of marriage & presented certificates from both their relations of their aprobacion, but neither of them had any wittnesses names subscribed, therefore are retourned expecting they shalbe better testefied to against another meeting.

He hath had some acquaintance formerly with one Margery Price: ye meeting querys whether he be any wais entangled towards her; Tho. Gouldney & [struck through] are to serch into that matter.

Be it remembred that the intention of marriage betwixt Jonathon Packer & Sarah Baugh was published in our publick meeting by Jno. Weare the 30th day of the 6th month 1678.

9th of 7th month [September] 1678

Jonathan Packer and Sarah Baugh being present signified againe their intentions of marriage and desires to accomplish the same in the way of friends. The matter haveing been published in our publick meeting, and nothing appearing meet to obstruct it, the meeting hath soe signified to them & leaves it to their freedom to consumate the same when they shall see meet.

Robt. Ruddle & Grace Marsh haveing at the former meeting signified their intentions of marriage, nothing appeareing to us meet to obstruct it, this meeting concents that they cause their intentions to be published in our publick meeting.

⁸³13d the 7 month. Richard March, haveing at a former meeting in the 5th month last signified his intentions of marriage with Susanah Packer, have procured a certificate from friends on his part & also from her father of his aprobacion, but for that the certificate from her father hath noe names subscribed as wittnesses tis retourned him againe to have better testimony. Yet for that nothing appears worthy to obstruct it they have the consent of this meeting to cause their intentions to be published.

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9th of the 7th month 1678

Phillip Russell & Sarah Gush haveing at the former meeting signified their intention of marriage, hath now brought in certificates of their relations concent; butt the meeting not being satisfied in their late query, Tho. Gouldney & Edward Martendale undertakes to make inquiry of Margret Price as prudently as they can how farr Philip Russell made a proceeding with her in referance to marriage,

⁸³ Added later.

& what claime she may have to him if any, and according as they shal find the matter to give the young man answer, & make report thereof to friends next meeting. In meane tyme, if they shall find the matter cleare, may let Philip know that they may cause their intentions to be published in our publick meeting.

⁸³23d 7 month. Tho. Gouldney reports they found matters to be inquired into as above to be cleare.

Richard Parker & Mary Hill widdow signified their intention of marriage. Wee have testimony that William Hill the former husband dyed of a very meane or noe estate, soe that she is not capeable to set apart for her daughter. Wee have some testimony of her mothers aprobacion, yet expects some farther testimony both of her mother & his fathers aprobacion.

Be it remembred that the intention of marriage betwixt Robt. Rudle & Grace Marsh was published in our publick meeting by Charles Harford the 13th instant.

Jno. Streeter signifieth that there hath been an engadgment betwixt him & Grace Marsh & desires this meeting to apoynt some to heare what might be said betwixt them.

Be it also remembred that the intention of marriage between Richard March & Susannah Packer was published in our publick meeting the 13th instant by William Rowch, & a certificate approving their intention was brought in (signed by her fater) to our meeting the 23d of 7th month.

Be it also remembred that the intention of marriage between Phillip Russell & Sarah Gush was published in our publick meeting by Jerimiah Hignell the 17th instant.

23d of 7th month [September] 1678

James Wallis & Mary Gouldney signified their intention of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way of friends. Thomas Gouldney & Mary, the father & mother of said Mary, was present & exprest their concent to such their intentions. Elizabeth Wallis, the mother of said James, was also present & exprest her free concent & aprobacion thereof.

[p. 72] 23d of 7th month [September] 1678

Wm. Lane & Cissillia Love exprest their intention of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way of friends. John Love (brother & nearest relation yet living, together with Magdelent his wife) exprest their aprobacion. Wee have also testimony by friends present that Alce Lane, mother of said William, hath aprobacion of such their intentions.

Richard Parker & Mary Hill, haveing at the former meeting signified their intentions of marriage, hath this meeting brough[t] in a certificate of both his & her relations free concent thereunto, and in as much as nothing apeares to us meet to obstruct it, this

meeting consents that he may cause his intention of marriage to be published in our publick meeting.

Friends desireth Charles Harford to disburst three pounds out of our publick stock to William Cole for payment of rent he stands indebted & not able to rayse of himselfe.

Charles Jones, William Ford & Richard Sneed are desired to Agree with Christian [Roe] & allow her a yearely salery for her pains in colecting the births of frinds children &c.

Be it remembred that the intention of marriage between Richard Parker & Mary Hill was published in our publick meeting by Israell Bird the 28th of 7th month 1678.

7th of the 8th month [October] 1678

William Lane & Cissilia Love haveing at the former meeting signified their intentions of marriage, nothing apeareing meet to obstruct it, have the concent of this meeting to publish such their intentions in our publick meeting.

James Wallis & Mary Gouldney haveing at the former meeting signified their intention of marriage, & there appearing nothing to the contrary but that they are both of them free from all other persons in relation to mariage, & it being also the desire & request of both their parents that the same may be accomplished in the way of friends, the meeting doth for conveniency sake permitt the publication therof in our publique meeting.

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Be it remembred that the intention of marriage between James Wallis & Mary Gouldney was published by Jno. Love in our publick meeting the 11th day of 8th month 1678.

Also the intention of marriage between Wm. Lane & Cissill Love was then published per George Gough.

21th of 8th month [October] 1678

Wm. Crapon & Bridget Jones signified their intention of marriage. He produced a certificate of his fathers aprobacion. The said Bridget saith that she hath noe gaurdian for that her parents deceaced since she was capeable to aid herselfe.

Alexander Pyot & Mary Sharpe exprest their intention of marriage, & desire to accomplish the same in the way of friends. Wee perceive that Alexander hath the aprobacion of his nearest relations. Tis expected they procure a certificate of her fathers aprobacion.

There haveing been a proposall made in the late meeting of men & weomen friends,⁸⁴ that as many friends as finds freedom may retire apart from the publick meeting upon first dais in the after-

⁸⁴ Men and women's meeting 10 Oct. 1678. The proposal came from Lawrence Steel. C.1842 C.2 [96]; B.A.O., SF/A7/2; *SPQ* 545. At this meeting a paper and queries from William Rogers to George Fox [dated 20 Sept.] were read; *SPQ* 315; Friends House Library, ARB collection, 197-222.

noone: to waite upon the lord in the pure silence of all flesh.

The friends of that meeting, in a sence of the benifit of such meetings in the time of our first gathering, being affected therewith recommended the same to this meeting, with a desire that the same might be established amongst us in unity.

This meeting in a lardge measure concurrerth therewith, yet least such meetings may be an ocation of hurt to our testimony as to incoradge friends to withdraw from our publick meetings or meet privetly in tyme of persecution, friends doth propose that such meetings may desolve & not bee in such times, but that in tymes of persecution Friends may publickly meet together as heretofore, and for the present doe concent, that for a tryall of the conveniencys & benefit thereof that such meetings be held at the house of Charles Harford, Richard Sneed or any other friend that shall offer their houses convenient for such service for three monethes next comeing, & then to dissolve & be not unless that friends in the practis thereof finds such service and benefitt therein, as from the mens meeting to continue the same in practice longer.

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4th of 9th month [November] 1678

Alexander Pyot & Mary Sharpe, haveing at the former meeting signified their intents of marriage, this day presented to this meeting a certeficate of her fathers concent, & another from friends at London, and nothing apeareing meet to obstruct it, they have concent of this meeting to cause their intentions to be published in our publick meeting.

Wheras upon the publication of the intentions of Robt. Rudle & Grace Marsh, Jno. Streeter acquaints this meeting that he hath somewhat to say towching some ingadgment betwixt him & said Grace,⁸⁵ this meeting desires Lawrance Steel, Wm. Foord, Edward Martendale, Charles Jones, Charles Harford & Richard Sneed or any 4 of them to speake with Richard March, Jno. Streeter, Grace March, & Robt. Rudle touching the same, & to give account how they find it to the next meeting.

William Crapon & Bridget Jones at the former meeting haveing signified their intention of marriage; wee, finding nothing meete to obstruct, doe concent they cause their intentions to be published in our publick meeting.

Upon Dorcass Whiteings signifieing her inclination to joyne in marriage with Edmond Chappell of Worrell, & to consumeate the same in the county of Sumersett, desires a certeficate on her behalfe, which this meeting hath given to certefye to the best of our knowlidg she is cleare from other persons and off a sober conversation.

The inconveniencys occasioned by some friends not being punctuall to the times apoynted for the burying of their dead, and also that of publishing the same in the meetings, haveing been mentioned

⁸⁵ For John Streeter's letter see C.1842 C.17 [139]; B.A.O., SF/A7/4, 41.

with desire for remedying the same for tyme to come, Friends have referred the same to be farther considered at the next meeting.

the 18th 9th month [November] 1678

The businesse of Richard Gotly, touching his late miscarriages to ye greate reproach of the Truth, was againe considered at this meeting, whereat he was present & made a large confession of his iniquity, & did acknowledge that it was but righteous & according to Truth for him to use his utmost endeavour for the cleareing thereof by takeing the shame to & publicke judgement against himselfe for his wicked actions; for the better effecting thereof Friends were willing to waite. In the meane tyme Cha. Jones, Rich. Sneed, Wm. Rogers, & Jno. Love declared theyr reddinesse to visitt & assist him in that service; & to endeavour his recovery that he may come to repentance & wittnesse remission & forgiveness of ye Lord which is most of all desyred, & to give an account of theyer visitt to ye next meeting.

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The paper ordered to be drawne up by Lawrence Steele & Rich. Sneed against Andrew Gale & his wife was this day brought in & read amongst us, & Friends being satisfyed therewith have ordered it to be sighned from the Meeting & a copy delivered to the said Andrew Gale to the end that if upon further consideration he hath any thing to offer for the publicke cleareing the Truth, he may doe it against next Mens Meeting, otherwise Friends would have him know that they shall be necessitated to doe it according to ye contents thereof. Erasmus Dole hath offered himselfe free to deliver it to Andrew Gale.

Erasmus Dole free to deliver it.⁸⁶

2d of the 10th month [December] 1678

Robt. Topleafe & Katheren Pierce signified to this meeting their intention of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way of friends. They produced a certificate from friends of Kings weston meeting (her place of abroad) of her being cleare from other persons & orderly conversation.

Bee it remembred that Alexander Pyotts & Mary Sharpe intention of marryedge was published by Wm. Ford in our publicke Meeting ye 8th 9th month 1678.

& the intention of marriage between William Crapon and Bridget Jones was published in our publick meeting, 22th of 9th month 78 by Thomas Bayly.

16th of the 10th month [December] 1678

John Marsh, son of Richard Marsh of this citty, & Mary Burgis,

⁸⁶ For further proceedings see C.1842 C.2 [96]; B.A.O., SF/A7/2 under date 12 Dec. 1678.

the daughter of Wm. Burgis late of this citty, signified their intentions of marriage. Richard Marsh by a certificate, & testimony here hath signified his concent, Mary Burgis, mother of said Mary was present & declared her aprobacion thereof.

Robt. Topleife againe signified his intentions of marriage with Katheren Pierce & desire to have it pass with concent. Nothing appeareing to us meet to obstruct it, he have concent to cause his intentions to be published in our publick meeting.

30th day. Be it remembred that the intentions of marriage between Robert Topleafe and Katheren Pierce was published in our publick meeting the 20th day of this 10th month per Jeremiah Higgnel.

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30th of the 10th month [December] 1678

Samuell Davis of this citty of Bristoll, marchant, and Anne Vickeris, daughter of Robert Vickeris of this same citty marchant, signified their intention of marriage and desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of friends. Edward Martendale testefieth that Joan Davis mother of said Samuell doth give her free concent, and Robert Vickeris father of said Anne by a certificate under his owne hand, and also Hester Vickeris his wife, mother of said Anne, being now present signifieth their concent and aprobacion of such their intended marriage.

Richard Snead, Edward Martendale, William Foord, Charles Jones and Charles Harford acquaints this meeting that, according to the desire of the meeting the 4th 9th month last, they have discourced with Richard Marsh, John Streeter and Grace Marsh, & som of them with Robert Rudle, and upon the whole saw reason & did advise them the said Robert and Grace as the case stood not to prosecute their former intentions any farther at present.

Also, John Love & Richard Snead farther testefieth that, upon the 27th of the ninth moneth last, the said Robert Rudle & Grace Marsh did under their hands mutually to each other, in the presents of them the said John & Richard as wittnesses, acquitt discharge and release each other of all promises, obligations or intents relateing to marriage.

the 18th 11th month [January] 1678

The intentions of marriag betwene Samuell Davis and Ann Vickeris was this daye permitted to be published, there appeareing nothing to hender itt, there being a certificate produced from his mother of her concent.

Be itt remembred that the intentions of marriag betwene John Marsh and Mary Burgis wass published in the Publique meeting by John Love the third daye of this month.

Arthur Wallis of this city of Bristtoll Pewterer & Sarah Lovell of ye same city, did on this 13th 11th month mannifest theare intentions of marriag, theye haveing noe gardians nor parents, her sister beeing present gave her approbation.

The 27th 11th month [January] 1678

Arthur Wallis appeared the second tyme in order to his intended marryedge, & nothing offering to obstruct it he hath liberty to cause it to be published in ye publicke meeting house.

Be it remembred that ye intention of marryedge betweene Sam. Davis & Ann Vickris was published by Edward Martindale, the 24th of the 11th month 1678 in our Publicke Meeting house.

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This Meeting takeing into consideration ye present suffering of Wm. Itell through close confinement in the Common Goale for ye testimoney of ye Blessed Truth hath desyred Cha. Jones & Edw. Martindale to advize with Wm. Itell aboute solliciteing the sherriifs to grant some liberty if it may be within his owne house, & to take whome they shall see meet to use theyer endeavour with the sheriffes therein.

10th of the 12th month [February] 1678

Charles Harford & Law. Steele being free are desired to informe themselves whom of the neybourhood of Andrew Gale have or may by reason of Andrew Gales & his wifes miscarriages receive most offence, or may take advantage thereby to reproach Friends therewith. And before such neyours they are desired to be present with Andrew Gale whilst he may, if he can with a penitent heart, acknowledg his miscarriage & take the shame & reproach to himselfe, or if he refuse soe to joyne with them, that they will acquaint such of his neyours of our indeavers for his amendment, and that friends hath not unity with him whilst he stand in so impenitent estate.

Wee hearing by letters from Friends in Deavonshire a discovery of forgery in the case of a certeficate pretended from friends there on behalfe of Richard March.

Edward Martendale & Law. Steel are desired to write to said Richard March & advise him that he give satisfaction for such abuse both to the friends whos names are forged to such certeficate, as also to us to whom he presented the same to as a certeficate of truth.

24th of the 12th month [February] 1678

Richard Phillips and Joan Edwards both of this city signified their intention of marriage and desire to accomplish the same in the way of friends. The said Joan being a widdow haveing two children of her late husbands; Richard Snead & Thomas Callowhill

acquaints this meeting that the said Joan together with said Richard hath joyned in a deed under both their hands & seales, by which they have assigned for her two children a dew proportion out of the estate left her by Daniell Edwards her late husband, to the satisfaction of their nearest relations & friend in trust.

The said Joan, being heretofore a person whom Daniell Neale made a sute to, for satisfaction to friends they have produced a certificate the copie wherof followeth.

These are to signify to all whom it may concerne, that wheras there have formerly matters past between me Daniell Neale & Joane Edwards relateing to marriage, that I doe fully cleare the said Joan of all that hath past, leaveing her to her liberty as if noe such thing had past betwene us

Dan Neale
his X mark

10th month 78

wittness Margret Thomas
Anna Jordan
Elizabeth Dowell

The originall is in the custody of Rich. Phillips.

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24th of the 12th month [February] 1678

Jno. Love & Thomas Watkins in the case of Rich. Gottly, & Charls Harford & Law. Steel in the case of Andrew Gale, acquaints this meeting that they have been present with said Richard—and Andrew, whilst they did acknowlidge their miscarriages & late offences & take the shame thereof upon themselves before divers neybouris & persons that had knowlidge thereof, moreover farther undertakes to effect the desires of this meeting in the farther prosecution thereof.

⁸⁷10 of 1st month. Upon behalfe of Richard Gotly it is effected as Jno. Love reports it, to the satisfaction of the meeting, nor doe wee know of any thing that yet remains on Andrew Gales concerns at present.

Edward Martendale & Lawrance Steel haveing writt a letter as desired to be sent to Richard March which being to the satisfaction of the meeting, they are desired to keep a copie thereof & send their letter to Arther Cotton of Plymouth or some other friends of that county to be dillivered to said Richard March.

10th of 1st month. They signifieth they have performed the request of the meeting.

the 10th of the 1st month [March] 1678/79

Richard Phillips haveing at our former meeting signified his intentions of marriage with Joan Edwards, friends finding nothing

⁸⁷ Added later.

apeareing meet to obstruct it, they have the concent of this meeting to cause such their intentions to be published in our publick meeting.

Paul Smith & Margret Lewis signified their intentions of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way of friends. Mary Browne mother of ye said Paule Smith, being present, signifieth their aprobaton of their intended marriage, & Tho. Browne his father in law declares not oposs it.⁸⁸ & the said Margret declareth she hath noe parent nor guardian liveing; her master & mistris, Jno. & Magdelent Love, with whom she have lived neare 3 yeares past, was present & signified they know nothing that might be reasonable to obstruct their marriage.

The publick Collection for charitable uses & other services of the truth agreed upon to be made the 11th day of the first moneth 1677/78, which being but now finished, the account thereof is now brought in, & the summe thereof amounts to Eighty Seaven pownds five shillings & sixpence, the greatest part thereof hath been payd at tymes unto Charles Harford, touching which the meeting is well satisfied & desires that the collectors doe pay the residue also to the said Charles Harford to compleate the whole summe of 87 li: 5s: 6d.

Be it remembered that the intentions of marriage between Richard Phillips & Joan Edwards was published in our publick meeting per Jno. Weare the 21th of the first month 1678/79.

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24th of the first month [March] 1678/79

Paul Smith haveing at the former meeting signified his intention of marriage with Margret Lewis, & nothing apeareing to us meet to obstruct it, he have the concent of this meeting to cause their intentions to be published in our publick meeting.

7th of 2d month [April] 1679

John Kent son of John Kent of Reding Clotheir and Anne Speed daughter of John Speed late of this city merchant signified their intentions of marriage. The said John produced to this meeting a certificate from the monethly meeting at Reding both of his conversation, and cleareness from other persons in relation to marriage as farr as they know, and also of the concent of their relations signified to them by their certificate. Bethsua Speed, mother of said Anne, being present doth signify her aprobaton of such their intentions.

Wm. Mahune and Hester Tylor signified their intention of marriage, & wheras it may be dowbted that there hath been som acquaintance between the said William and one Mary Jones in the

⁸⁸ *Before alteration, the sentence up to this point read: Thomas Browne and Mary his wife, the father in law & mother of the said Paule Smith, being present, signifieth their aprobaton of their intended marriage.*

like relation, Tho. Callowhill, Isack Patridge & Jno. Saunders are desired to serch in to the truth thereof & let the meeting know whether the said Mary Jones doth claime any promise from him.

⁸⁹see 5th of 3d month.

To our Friends at the monethly meeting at Berrington in the county of Sumersett & to whomsoever elce it may concerne.

Wheras Walter Kippon hath signified to us his desire to prosecute a marriage betwixt him & Hannah Goodhind Daughter of Thomas Goodhind of Saltford and would consumate the same in the county of Sumersett, desires a certeficate from this meeting on his behalfe. Upon which wee certefie that wee have sufichant testimony of his parents concent therunto by his fathers being present; and also as farr as wee know is cleare from all other persons in relation to marriage; and for his conversation wee doe not know anything that might be meete to obstruct his marriage with a friend of the truth; which wee certefie from our mens meeting in the citty of Bristoll this 7th day of the 2d moneth 1679.

Which certeficate was Subscribed on the behalf of this meeting
By—

Theophilus Newton
Wm. Rogers
Eras. Dole
Thomas Jordan
Thomas Gouldney
Edward Martendale
Tho. Callowhill

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7th of the 2d month [April] 1679

The poverty and need of Walter Baker & also of William Cole haveing been signified to this meeting, the Meeting apoynts that Eighteen shillings for one yeare, viz. 4/6d. quarterly, shalbe allowed out of our publick stock to Walter Baker to enable him in the payment of his rent.

And that three pounds ten shillings be allowed out of our publick stock to William Cole to pay his rent for halfe a yeare past & a suply for his present need.

21th of the 2d month [April] 1679

Jno. Kent of Reading againe signifying his intent of marriage &

⁸⁹ Added later.

⁹⁰ Here, four leaves, presumably numbered 76-79, have been cut out. Minutes up to September 1679 (on p. 82) appear in so regular a form that they may have been written up at one time.

desire to accomplish it amongst friends in this citty. Nothing appeareing meet to obsturck it, he hath concent of this meeting that he may cause the same to be published in our publick meeting house & proceed to the accomplishment thereof if nothing farrther to obstruct it.

5th of the 3d month [May] 1679

Bee it remembred that the intention of marriage between Jno. Kent & Anne Speed was published in our publick meeting per Edward Martendale the 2d day of this present moneth.

Thomas Callowhill & Isaac Partridg in pursuance of the request of the former meeting (see 7th of 2d mo.) hath fownd by the testimony of severall persons, & it appeares also by the testimony of John Filbridge now present that the said William Mahune is not cleare from the aforesaid Mary Jones, & being unfaire & dirty in his actions, and not heretofore countenanced or owned amongst us, friends rejects him as a person not worthy to have such concerns countenanced amongst us. The meeting desires Isaac Partridg & Tho. Callowhill to acquaint Hester Tylar herewith, & give her such farther advice as to them shall seem meet.

19th of the 3d month [May] 1679

The account of our publick expences for the service of the truth was brought into this meeting, & it appeareing that our stock for said service was exhausted, it is agreed that a Collection shalbe made for the three following servises and noe other: viz. the defraying of our publick debts & house rents & for the reliefe of the poore, and this day William Minor and John Baunton offered themselves free to collect it, who are desired to finish it with all expedition they can, & to bring in what shalbe soe collected to Charles Jones & John Love.⁹¹

[A publick Collection for the services of the Truth concluded to bee made in the unity of all such who are free to bee concernd: (viz.) for the service of taking friends books, and for the defraying the charge of friends horses who come to visitt us, and for the charge of the travails of Friends in a Testemony for the Truth beyond the sea, and for the inspecting of the estate of the Suffrings of Friends and their releif, as proposed to us by the friends of the Yearly Meeting, with which wee have unity, as alsoe with whatsoever services may bee seen meet and serviceable to the Truth.

A Collection for the above services being concluded of, it was proposed that two Friends according to ye request of Friends of the Yearly Meeting might be sent up to represent the state of friends of this citty with relacion to sufferings, and to advise with

⁹¹ At this point in the Duplicate Copy of the minutes, 20.iii.1667-18.viii.1680 [B.A.O., SF/A1/2] the following minute occurs, which has no place in the original minute book. It is printed here, as part of the text, but in square brackets. The list of 31 Friends comes from the same source. *SPQ* 360.

them what may bee further nesenary either by contribution or otherwise for the Generall services of the Truth; Richard Sneed & Lawrence Steel being proposed, Richard Sneed being present declares himself free, and it is supposed that L. Steel will be the like, who are concluded upon by such as are free to bee concerned in the above mentioned services.]

[Cha. Harford	John Banton	Edm. Bennett
Rich. Sneed	Nich. Taylor	John Higgins
Wm. Minor	Jno. Barnes	Tho. Camm
Tho. Brown	Tho. Langhorne	Wm. Davis
Rich. Phillips	Ja. Sterridge Senr.	Cha. Jones Junr.
James Sterridge Junr.	Richard Vickris	Jer. Hignell
Cha. Jones	Theo. Newton	Jno. Batho
Sams. Coysgarn	Jno. Wear	Ja. Cole
Jno. Heale	Tho. Bayly	Wm. Davis]
Cha. Marshall	Paul Moon	
John Herne	Miles David	

⁹²30th of the 4th month 1679. Mary Gouldney & Jane Wathen proposed to us from the weomens meeting that they needed our assistance, their stock being out & they in debt. It is agreed that five pownds out of the aforesaid Collection be payd by Char. Jones & Jno. Love to the Weomens meeting for the releife of the poore.

2th of the 4th month [June 1679]

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16th of the 4th month [June] 1679

Joseph Vigor, son of Joseph Viggor of Manchester, this day proposed his intentions of marriage with Abegal North, daughter of Mary North. Joseph Viggor the father signifieth his concent, being present. William Rogers, Mary Gouldney, Magdalen Love and Bethsua Speed testefieth that Mary North Mother of said Abigall doth likewise assent. Yet for as much as noe Certeficate is produced from Mary North of her assent, tis desired that may be produced against next meeting.⁹³

John Weare of this citty, Widdower & Hester Gest this day proposed their intentions of marriage each with other at this meeting. The mother of the said Hester being not present, it is expected that she procure a certeficate of her mother & father in laws consent, & in as much as the said Hester hath not yet acquainted them therewith, in that respect friends judgeth she hath not don soe well.

30th of the 4th month [June] 1679

John Weare this day againe in prossecution of his intentions of

⁹² Added later.

⁹³ Friends House Library, Dix E.5, includes a record of this proposal.

marriage with Hester Ghest produced a certificate from her father & mother to this meeting importing their free consent & approbation thereof, and nothing appearing meet to obstruct their proceedings he hath consent of this meeting to cause such their intentions to be published in our publick meeting as usuall.

An account being given to this meeting that Charles Woodward, notwithstanding the advice of friends & his seeming promise to the contrary, hath traveled abroad as a preacher to the burthening of some and creeping into the affections of others who hath not knowledge of the wickedness & deceitfulness of his heart. Tis therefore agreed, if he will not forbear, that some account be given forth to acquaint friends where he frequents what manner of person he is, to put a stop to the mischief he may doe by his insinuations.

14th of the 5th month [July] 1679

Be it remembered that the intentions of marriage between John Weare & Hester Ghest was published in our publick meeting house by James Steeredg the 4th of this instant.

The intention of marriage was againe proposed between Joseph Vigor & Abegal North, & a certificate produced that certified her mothers assent, and also from divers friends at Manchester on the behalfe of Joseph Vigor. Tis assented to that they may cause their intentions to be published in our publick meeting as usuall.⁹⁴

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28th of the 5th month [July] 1679

A Testemony in writing against Charles Woodward was brought in to this meeting & being read was aproved & signed by severall on the behalfe of the Meeting, & the care of the farther service thereof is committed to Richard Snead & Lawr. Steel.

Informacion being given to this meeting by testimony from the friends of the Monethly meeting of Redston in the county of Penbroock of the notorious & evell conversation of Thomas Kent of ye said county, to the great reproach of the truth in those parts. Tho. Kent was present in the Meeting & was desired to stay⁹⁵ but he withdrew. The papers was read, & after it Thomas Kent came in againe & objected his dissatisfaction in respect to this meeting, many being absent whom he desired might be concerned to heare his matters and deffence, and proposed another meeting wherin those present & others now absent, joyntly, which was assented to by the greater or generall part of the meeting who desired a tyme might be apoynted for that purpose, which not being fully concluded on, this meeting for the present looks upon themselves concerned for

⁹⁴ Friends House Library, Dix E.5, records this proposal, directs a collection to be made, and settles the next meeting "this day moneth, because of the faire weeke".

⁹⁵ *Interlineated, and struck through: whiles.*

the truths sake to exhort & counsell the said Thomas Kent to forbear apeareing in a publick testimony as a preacher in the Assemblys of gods people untill he hath acquitted himselfe & given satisfaction in the matters charged against him. Lawrance Steel & Richard Sneed are desired to acquaint Thomas Kent thereof.

Be it remembred that the intention of marriage between Joseph Viggor & Abigal North was published in the publick meeting of friends on the 18th day of the 5th moneth 1679.

11th of the 6th month [August] 1679⁹⁶

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25th of the 6th month [August] 1679

Joseph Mathews son of Richard Mathews of Milsam in the county of Wilts & Ann Blacklock of this citty signified their intentions of marriage & desires to accomplish the same in the way and manner of friends. Ann Dickerson, mother of said Anne, was present & signified not only her owne consent & aprobacion but also the like for her husband Lemon Dickeson father in law of the aforesaid Anne. But in as much as Joseph hath not a certeficate of his fathers assent, tis expected he procure it before he proceed to accomplishment thereof.

The letter from our friends at the Yearely meeting being read, which recommends to us severall servises that requires a Colection. And, considering that our publick stock is now out, it is desired by this meeting that a Collection be made for the uses of the poore & other nessesary services relateing to the truth amongst friends in this citty, and that as lardge as friends shall find the lord to open their hearts to doe, to the end wee may out of the same answer the request of our friends from the yearly meeting. Richard Marsh & Lawr. Steel are free to collect the same, who are desired that the same moneys, when collected, be dilliverd in to the hands of Charles Jones senior & John Love, who are desired to keepe accounts of receite & disburstments thereof.⁹⁷

8th of 7th month [September] 1679

Joseph Mathews againe appeared to this meeting in pursuance of his former proposition of marriage with Anne Blacklock, & presented a certeficate of his fathers concent & a testimony from Friends amongst whom he formerly resided of his being free & cleare from other persons in relation to marriage. & nothing apeareing meet to delay him he hath the concent of the meeting that he may cause such their intentions to be published in our publick meeting as is usuall.

Wheras the meeting the first day of the 5th moneth 1678 desired that all papers that are Generall Epistells or other publick writeings or printed books given forth by our Antient Friends Jno. Audland

⁹⁶ The rest of the page is left blank beneath this date heading.

⁹⁷ *SPQ* 360.

& John Came or either of them in relation to truth, be collected together in order that they may be drawne up together and prepared to be printed. Their desire as abovesaid is not yet effected by reason there was noe persons particularly appoynted for that service, wherefore this meeting desires Thomas Gouldney, Richard Snead, Richard Vickeris & Thomas Callowhill, or any of them, to endeavor the collecting the same together for the end proposed.

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A letter from the meeting of Sufferings dated London the 14th of the 6th month 1679, being read in this meeting proposing to Friends in the severall countys to joine with the friends in the city of London to collect moneys for redemption of divers friends (who are not able to redeeme themselves) that are captives in the Turkes dominions. Friends at this meeting have a freeness to contrIBUTE to the same. Yet for as much that many friends usually attending this meeting are at present absent, wee referr the farther consideracion thereof to another meeting.

22th of the 7th moneth [September] 1679

Arther Sawyer Junior & Mary Seward, dawghter of Robert Seward late of this citty Woolendraper, signified their intention of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way of friends. The said Arther produced to this meeting a certeficate from Arther Sawyer his father testefieing his concent, and Elizabeth Seward, mother of the said Mary, was present and exprest her aprobacion thereof.

Jeoffrie Pinell, son of Francis Pinell of Olveston in the county of Gloucester, Yeaman, & Elizabeth Newton, daughter of Theophilos Newton of this citty Carpenter, signified their intention of marriage and desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of Friends. The said Jeoffery produced to this meeting a certeficate from his father testefieing his free consent, and Theophilos Newton & Margret his wife, father & mother of the aforesaid Elizabeth, being present expressest their concent & aprobacion.

Be it Remembred that the intention of marriage between Joseph Mathews & Anne Blacklock was published in our publick meeting the 12th day of this present 7th moneth.

the 6th of the 8th month [October] 1679

Arther Sayer haveing at the former meeting signified his intentions of marriage & desire to accomplish the same amongs us, in pursuance thereof was now present & hath the concent of this meeting to cause such their intentions to be published in our publick meeting as is usuall.

Jeoffery Pinnell, likewise in pursuance of his former intent was also present & hath the concent of this meeting to cause the intention of marriage betwixt him & Eliz. Newton to be published in our publick meeting as is usuall.

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6th of the 8th month [October] 1679

Richard Gotley & Rachell Dollen daughter of James Dollen, both of this citty of Bristoll, signified their intention to joyne in marriage, and desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of friends. Joan Gotley the mother of said Richard is present & declareth that both her husband & selfe is well satisfied in such their proceedings, and James Doleing & Susana, the father and mother of said Rachell, was also present and declares their satisfaction therein.

Jno. Love & Charles Jones are desired to dilliver three pownds out of our publick stock to Williame Cole to pay his rent for halfe a yeare late past.

20th of the 8th month [October] 1679

Richard Gotly, in pursuance of his former proposall, appeared and whereas here hath been a report of some late misbehaviour of Rich: Gotly, touching which he alledged his innocency especially in that most materiall part, yet as the matter stands unheard & undetermined, friends have not that freenes at this present meeting to countenance his marriage among us, and therefore defer it untill the next meeting. In the meantime Charles Jones Senior, Edward Martindale, Charles Jones Junior, Laurence Steel, Richard Sneed & Erasmus Dole or any four of them are desired to hear whatt may be alledged touching him, & what he may produce in his defence or otherwise do to ye satisfaction of friends, of which they are desired to give a report to the next meeting, and if in the meantime the said six friends or four of them shall be satisfied that Richard Gotly is clear, they may if they see meet permit the publication of it before the next meeting.

Whereas our mens meeting and also the sixth dayes meeting is somewhat late in assembling together especially while the dayes be short, it is desired that Friends would as near as they can at both the said meetings, come together at the second hour to the end that we may have a seasonable time together & also part before the approach of the evening.

3d of the 9th month [November] 1679

Ch. Jones & Jno. Love are desired to disburst 04li. 11s. 10d. out of our publick stock to releife Enoch Core in his destress, who hath been disabled to releive himselfe this 9 monethes by an infermity called the Kings evell, & haveing been assisted by some acquaintance of his, & our friends from Ireland with the sume of 5li. 10/s. 0, the said summe above is thought meet by this meeting to be added thereunto to compleate the sume of 10li. 1/s. 10d. which doth defray the charge of the said Enoch Core is in score for the time past as aforesaid.

& that 50 shillings be payd to Wm. Rowch for clothing Ralph Cock, who is now bound aprentice to Jno. Comberbatch, the said

Ralph being a pore lad, whose father & mother wear friends deceaced.

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Be it remembred that the intentions of mariage between Jeoffry Penell & Elizabeth Newton was published in our publicke meeting per William Atkins the 10th day of the 8th month 1679.

Be it also remembred that the intentions of marriage between Arther Sawer & Mary Seward was published in our publick meeting per Erassmus Dole the 10th day of the 8th month 1679.

17th of the 9th month [November] 1679

Wheras the meeting the 11th of the 7th month 1676 would assist Edward Selmond per lending him ten pownds towards rebuilding his house which was late burned downe by a suden fire. The said moneys being then tendered to him he the said Edward refused to accept thereof, hoping that he might be able, or at least was desirous to trye whether he could not pretty well subsist without it, & soe have not had the same moneys. But now he the said Edw. Selmond haveing signified his present nessesity & willingness to accept the same if he may now have it; this meeting doe desire Jno. Love & Charls Jones to dilliver him 10li. out of our publick stock by way of loneth.

1st of 10th month [December] 1679

Thomas Callowhill & Erasmus Dole are desired to undertake the care & oversight that the births of friends children be fairely transcribed in a new booke & for the future duly entered & kept therein, and what charge they shalbe at for a clark or otherwise shalbe reimburst to them by Jno. Love & Charles Jones.

The 15th day of the 10th month [December] 1679

Jonathan Read of this citty Blockmaker & Elizabeth the daughter of Henry Faint of Barton Regis did this day propose their intentions of mariage to this meeting. He declares that he hath no parents, (nor gaurdian) liveing. And Elizabeth the mother of Elizabeth Fainte being present signified her consent, & delivered to the meeting a certificate of her husbands consent also.

Laurence Steel & Thomas Callowhill are desired to take the care of speaking with Nehemiah Hollister in order to the preventing the growing abuses to ye meetings from William Davis; and ye Crayzie woman.

⁹⁸29th 10th month. Nicholas Taylor & Jno. Hearne are free to indever to prevent it at our meeting over the bridge for two weeks next comeing.

Memorandum. That what part of ye sallery of five pounds per annum formerly allowed to John Batho, about ye keeping ye meet-

⁹⁸ Added later.

ing house cleane, which was in arreare at his death [August 1679], shall be paid to his wife, and so to cease for the tyme to come.

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29th 10th month [December] 79

Jonathan Read & Elizabeth Faint, haveing at the former meeting signified their intentions of marriage, is now permitted to cause such their intentions to be published in our publick meeting one any sixt day as is usuall.

12th of the 11th month [January] 1679

Thomas Harris of this citty Chyreurgian, and Philipia Pownset widdow, signified their intention of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of friends. Sarah Harris mother of said Thomas, & Eliz. Harris⁹⁹ mother of said Philipia, was both present and signified their concent & aprobacion thereof.

This meeting considering the substance of two letters from the meeting in London for Suffering friends, inciteing us to joyne in a publick Collection among friends for redeeming such friends taken captives by the Turkes as are not capeable to redeem themselves, signifieing the present occation to be 220li., & three other persons recommended to them as fitt objects, viz. Henry Tregeno, Gerrard Serencer, ¹ Buskin, of their charge cannot yet give a certaine account. This meeting have apoynted twenty pounds out of our publick stock for that service, and inclines to be ready to yeald a farther suply in case it appeares wee be short in the present.

John Love, Charles Harford, Richard Marsh, & Ch. Jones Senior are desired to write therewith what they shall seem meete & think most agreeable to the mind of the meeting.

James Cole & Jno. Barnes are free for the following two first day meetings over the bridge to endever to prevent the disturbance that Wm. Davis & the other Crazy weomen usually make.

& Tho. Callowhill is desired to propose 20/s. to Nehemiah Hollister to endever the same togeather with rude boys about this Greate meeting house for this quarter of a yeare comeing, who have already attended that service the two weekes past.

William Lane, Charles Jones & John Hearne are desired to serch into the capassity of Daniell Neals daughters management of affairs & capassity some assistance friends might lend her for the better releife of her father, & in case they see meet to lend to her any some not exceeding 5li. out of their publick stock, & give the meeting account how they find it.

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26th 11th Month [January] 1679

Be it remembred that the intention of mariage between Jonathan

⁹⁹ *Error for Sheward.*

¹ Blank left in the original.

Read and Elizabeth Faint was published in our publique Meeting house on the 2d day of this month, by Wm. Rouch.

Thomas Harris & Phillipia Pounsett haveing at a former Meeting signified their intentions of mariage is now permitted to cause their intentions to be published in our publique meeting house on any sixth day.

9th of the 12th month [February] 1679

Miles David, Taylour, son of David Williams deceaced, late of Llaundugian in Clamorganshire Butcher, & Elizabeth Moore, daughter of Symon Moore also deceaced, late of this citty Felt-maker, signified their intentions of marriage and desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of friends. They informes us that the parents both of said Miles & Elizabeth are deceaced, & that neither of them have any gardian or other neare relation on whome they have any dependance.

Thomas Locket of this citty mercer, son of Richard Locket deceaced late of Charleton in the county of Dorsett, and Elizabeth the daughter of Nathaniell Daye of this citty hoseier, signified their intentions of marriage, & desires to accomplish the same in the waye & manner of fireinds. The said Thomas is said to bee without a gaurdian & his parents late deceaced, yet his brother & sister well aproveing of this their intention, as is tesfied to this meeting by Richard Snead. Nathaniell Day & Anne, father & mother of said Elizabeth is present, & expressest their concent & aprobacion.

Wm. Miner & John Dole are free in case there be need to attend the meeting over the Bridge on first day in the morneing to prevent the disturbance that Wm. Davis & the Crazy woman useually makes there.

Laurance Steele & Tho. Callowhill are desired to settle the dispose of friends books, for that Jno. Weare desires to be eased & discharged of that service.

The nessesitys of James Stirrdge haveing been mentioned to this meeting, tis desired that five pownds be dillivered to him out of our publick stock by way of lone takeing his owne bond only for security.

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The 23d of the 12th Month [February] 1679

Thomas Lockett haveing this day attended this meeting in pursuance of his intention of mariage with Elizabeth Day; and forasmuch as there hath not appeard to the meeting any cause of obstruction, he is left to his liberty to publish his said intentions upon any sixth day in ye meeting; and after that is done to attend this meeting againe.

Be it remembered that the intentions of mariage between Thomas Harris & Phillipia Pounsett was published in the meeting

by Erasmus Dole ye 13th day this instant.

Myles David attended this meeting in order to know whether there has any thing appeared to us that may justly obstruct his mariage with Elizabeth Moore; and forasmuch as no such thing hath appeared to us, the meeting gives liberty to him to cause their said intentions of mariage to be published upon any sixth day meeting and when that is done to attend this meeting againe before the accomplishing their said mariage.

Nathaniell Parke of this citty weaver, and Eliner Martin widdow, did propose their intentions of mariage, desiring to accomplish the same in the way & manner of Freinds; and forasmuch as some friends have heard report of some former cariages betwixt them, which are not for the honour of the truth; nevertheless friends haveing a tender regard to their good, they have desired William Lane, Charls Jones, Charls Harford, Erasmus Dole, & William Davis, or any thre of them, to make inspection into the truth of those things, & to give account therof to the next meeting.

At ye request of Mary Pope, friends have given a certificate to her; directed to the Monthly meeting of friends at Sallford in Somersetshire; to let them know that upon inquiry we do not find that shee hath been concerned with any other person in relation to mariage, since the tyme that shee hath lived in this citty, nor do we heare of anything on her part that may justly obstruct her mariage.

Signed by order of this meeting by

Charls Harford
Charls Jones
John Cowling
Erasmus Dole
Edward Martindale

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The 8th day of the first Month [March] 1679/80

Be it remembred that the intentions of mariage between Myles David & Elizabeth Moore was published in the meeting by Nicolas Taylor ye 27th of the last month.

And also the intentions of mariage between Thomas Lockett and Elizabeth Day was published in the same meeting at the same tyme by William Rouch.

The friends that were desired to inspect the business of Nathaniell Parke, and Eliner Martin do acquaint the meeting that they have not found any sufficient cause to obstruct their proceedings in order to their mariage; wherefore they are permitted to publishe their intentions according to the usuall maner of this meeting.

22th of the first moneth [March] 1679/80

Be it remembred that the intentions of marriage between Nathll.

Park & Elenr. Marten was published in our publick meeting by Wm. Davis the 12th day of this present moneth.

5th of 2d month [April] 1680

Charles Jones is desired to disburst 3li. out of our stock for payment of William Coles halfe yeares rent dew last quarter day, and also to pay Wm. Cole 10/s. to suply his other occations.

In regard som of those friends are deceaced who ware desired to see the Regestring of the certeficates of friends marriages, Edward Martendale, Richard Vickeris, Richard Snead, Arther Sayer, & John Higgins, are nominated & by this meeting aded to the remaining friends, and desired to be assisting in that service as occations shall require.

the 19th of the 2d moneth [April] 1680

Wheras this meeting did the 23rd of 4th month 1673 & the 8th of the 8th moneth 1677 desire T. Gouldney, Wm. Foord, Ch. Harford, John Love, Edw. Martendale, Tho. Callowhill, & Ch. Jones to inspect the writings of our meeting houses & burying yards in regard som of our former trustees are dead, they or any six of them were desired to setle the same in the trusts of such persons, & with such provisions, as that the same may be preserved to the use of friends as neare as may be without hazard or inconveniency.

The said eight persons doe acquaint this meeting that they have perused the writings of our Greate meeting house and finds that Miles Dixson & William Yeamans which were two of the former trustees are deceaced, doe agree that William Rogers & Edward Martendale shalbe added to the surviveing trustees & to stand joyntly with them for said trust, and they are againe desired to see that the same may be settled according to the intent & desire of the aforesaid meetings.

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Wm. Lloyd complaineing to this meeting against Nathll. Allon as haveing received wrong by him, they both in this meeting consents to referr the decission of the same to Charles Jones Junior & Eras. Dole.

the 3d of the 3d month [May 1680]

Friends considering the letter from the yearly meeting recommending severall occations that might require a Generall Contrebution, this meeting agrees that the summe of fifty pownds shalbe allowed out of our publick stock to be remitted to the friends nominated in said letter. But with all to signify that one part of this meeting is free it should be employed to the generall services mentioned in the said paper, the other part rather desireing it might be wholly employed in the destressed Friends at Dantzick, Emden & elcewhere. Yet all accords that the moneys be remitted

to the nominated friends of London, leaveing it to them to imploy as neare as may bee to the satisfaction of the whole.²

17th of the 3d month [May] 1680

Wm. Smart of this citty plaisterer & Elizabeth Daunce, daughter of Aquilla Daunce of Bishport in the county of Sumerset, signified their intention of marriage, & desires to accomplish the same in the way & manner of friends. Elizabeth, the mother of the said Elizabeth, was present & signified her aprobacion. Tis expected that they produce certeficate from his mother and her father against their next comeing.

31th of 3d month [May] 80

Wm. Smart in persuance of his former proposall attended this meeting with certeficates from Aquilla Daunce her father & Sarah Smart his mother expressing their concent to their intended marriage; but in as much as there is noe wittnesses to either of said certeficats, they are retorned for him to procure wittnesses to them. Wm. Davis is apoynted to publish their intention of marriage in case they first produce the certeficats soe wittnessed.

14th of the 4th month [June 1680]

Be it remembred that the intentions of marriage between Wm. Smart & Elizabeth Daunce was published in our publick meeting by Wm. Davis, Anchorsmith, the 11th day of this present moneth, & that there was first procured certeficats from their parents with credible wittness, which is to the satisfaction of the meeting.

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the 28th of the 4th month [June] 1680

James Cole & Thomas Bayly, being free, are desired for the two next first dais to take care & oversight of the boyes to prevent their rudeness about the meeting house dores at meeting tyme. Wm. Davis, Jno. Jennet & Jno. Dole are desired to sett in ye galleries for the said first days to indeaver to prevent the disorder of children there.

12th of ye 5th month [July] 1680

Daniel Neale being proposed as a fitt person to looke after the boyes about the meeting house dores at meeting tymes, William Noble also offering himselfe is desired to Joyne with Daniel Neale for one moneth, that at the end of said moneth this meeting may, if they see meet, agree with Daniell Neale & allow him a consideration for that service for the future.

James Stirrage Senior, John Higgins & John Weare are free to sett in the gallery to prevent the disorders of children there.

Tis desired that our meetings be held on the 25th of this moneth

² *SPQ* 360, 361.

both morneing & afternoone at both houses at our usuall houres, & that Lawrance Steel give notice thereof in our publick meeting.

9th of the 6th month [August] 1680

Joseph Hiscox, son of Wm. Hiscox late of Keinsham, & Mary North, daughter of Robert North late of this citty, Blacksmith, signified their intention of marriage and desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of Friends. Neither of them hath parents liveing. The neare relations of both of them are present, viz. Tho. Jenkins his brother in law, Jno. Grigori her father in law, Mary North & Anne James her two aunts, testefieing as well their aprobacion thereof as also (as far as they know) to their being cleare from all other persons in relation to marriage.

Tho: Whithorne & Sarah Frankum signified their intention of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of friends.

23d of 6th month [August] 1680

Joseph Hiscocks in pursuance of his former proposition was againe present, and in as much as wee find nothing meet to obstruct their proceedings they have the concent of this meeting to publish their intentions of marriage in our publick meeting as is usuall.

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Tho. Whithorne againe presented his intentions. In as much as she was his former wifes sister's daughter, friends are not satisfied at present to allow thereof but refers it to the next meeting.

6th of the 7th month [September] 1680

Be it remembred that the intention of marriage between Joseph Hiscox & Mary North was upon the 27th day of the 6th moneth 1680, published in our publick meeting by Jerimiah Hignell.

Thomas Whithorne haveing at two former meetings signified his intention of marriage with Sarah Frankumb & now againe in prosecution thereof attends this meeting & produced a certeficate from her relations. She being his former wifes kinswooman, and also by som suspected to be already married, caused som consideration thereon to be had. In conclusion this meeting doe not find freedom to obstruct their marriage, although they could not commend or advise to a marriage of soe neare a relation.

And as touching the report or suspission of their being already married. He absolutely denyeth it & for that noe one affirmeth it, but that it was suspected from som words that dropt from the mouth of said Sarah Frankumb.

Tis therefore refferred to Tho. Jordan & Erasmus Dole to query of her or any other they see meet, & if they receive satisfaction they may as apoynted by this meeting, either by one of themselves

or any other friend convenient, publish their intentions in our publick meeting.

20th of the 7th month [September] 1680

Be it remembred that the intention of marriage between Thomas Whitehorne & Sarah Frankum was published the 10th day of this present 7th month 1680 by James Stirridg Senior.

Charles Jones is desired to pay Three pounds out of our publick stock for payment of Wm. Coles rent now ending 29th instant.

4th of 8 month [October] 1680

William Cole, laying his case of poverty before us, is allowed for present tenn shillings & when he shall find farther nessesity is advised to lay his case before our weomen's meeting, it being their particular care to inspect & assist in such occations.

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18th of 8th month [October] 1680

Richard Britten havinge desired a certificate from friends in order to his mariage with Rebecca Barrat, Thomas Gouldeny, Charles Harford, Charles Jones, James Cole, Edward Martindale, Lawrence Steele, & William Rogers are desired to enquire into his conversation, and if they or any foure of them thinke fitt, to signe a certificate that he is cleere from all others in relacion to marriage so far as wee know, before the next meeting, they have permission so to doe in the name of the meetinge, that so he may not bee obstructed from proposinge the intention of his mariage in the county of Gloucester, at their monethly meeting which wee are informed happens the same day that our next meeting is to bee.

John Dole is desired to acquaint Lazarus Moggs that freinds doe desire him to come & speake with them at the next meetinge.

1st of 9th moneth [November] 1680

Roger Hollard of this citty marrener and Ann Nicholls daughter of Richard Nicholls late of Shrewsbury, signified their intention of marriage & desires to accomplish the Same in the way & manner of friends.

In as much as the said Roger is bound shortly to sett out on a voiage to sea, & desireous that their marriage might be therefor accomplished as soone as may bee, & haveing testimony for him by many friends here present of this meeting that he is very like to be cleare in this matter, he have the concent of this meeting that they may cause their intention to be published in our publick meeting before our next mens meeting, to the end that if they bring a certificate of her mothers aprobacion or concent to their marriage, & noething appeare meet to obstruct their proceedings before or at the next meeting, they might have concent of the next mens meeting for the accomplishment thereof.

[*In margin:*] A certificate was produced to this meeting in satisfaction, dated: 14th instant.

A Collection desired: the paper for it is headed but not fully agreed upon at this meeting.

Nehemiah Cooper, son of Francis Cooper late of Worster, and Mary, daughter of William Wallis, late of Barton Regis, signified their intentions of marriage and desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of friends. The said Mary having no relations living that are guardians over her, but from Nehemiah's mother, friends expect a certificate of her approbation, & so refer them to another meeting.

the 15th of the 9th month [November] 1680

Nehemiah Cooper in pursuance of his former proposal, hath brought a certificate signifying his mother's consent to their marriage, & friends finding nothing worthy to obstruct, permits the publication of their intention in our public meeting on a sixth day as is usual.

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15th of 9th month [November] 1680

Be it remembered that the intention of marriage between Roger Hollard & Anne Nicholas was published in our public meeting, 5th day of this present month, by John Weare.

John Thomas, son of Rice Thomas late of this city, & Rachell Thomas, daughter of Walter Thomas late of Swanzy, signified their intention of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of Friends. Margret Thomas, mother of said John, was present and signified her approbation. Rachell saith that her parents are deceased & hath no guardian.

29th of 9th month [November] 1680

Be it remembered that the intention of marriage betwixt Nehemiah Cooper & Mary Wallis was published in our public meeting by John Weare on the 19th day of this present month.

John Thomas in pursuance of his former proposed intention of marriage with Rachell Thomas attended this meeting, & nothing appearing worthy to obstruct, he hath the consent of this meeting to cause their intentions to be published in our public meeting as is usual on a sixth day.

Robert Smith of London intending marriage with Willmott March & to consummate the same amongst our friends in London, she the said Willmott having of late had her residence in this city, desires a certificate on her behalf of her being clear from other persons &c. We have testimony for her from Jno. Moone of her sober deportment in his family, & also in family of Richard Snead where she also dwelt, have certified that upon inquiry through this meeting we do not find she is engaged to any other

person in that relation, nor any other matter worthy to obstruct their intention of marriage, which certificate is dillivered to Jno. Moone to send up as requested.

The 13th of the 10th Month [December] 1680

The intentions of mariage between John Thomas & Rachell Thomas was published in our publique meeting by James Steridge the younger, upon the third day of this instant month.

That a Generall Collection be made for the poore & other services of the truth, the money soe collected not to be disposed without the direction advice & generall concent of the friends of this meeting. James Cole & John Cowly are desired to collect the money & bring it in to the hands of John Love.³

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A paper is desired to be proposed against next meeting, in testemoney against publick disorders & particularly against those who have broaken their promises & engadgments, & run behind hand in their estates, whereby the truth & the profession of it hath manefestly suffered, & that Thomas Gouldney, Lawrance Steele, Richard Vickeris, & Edward Martendale doe bring it in.

That as a prevention of these evils for the future, this meeting may nominate six friends (at the least) of this meeting who are desired to take care on the behalfe of the meeting to admonish & caution all such friends in such cases, as information shall be given them thereof.

Edward Martendale is desired to give notice to friends on next first day, that a meeting in our Publick meeting house be kept the 22th of this moneth being the 4th day of the weeke, to begin about the 10th houre in the morneing.

27th of the 10th month [December] 1680

Edward Line of this citty, signifying his intention of marriage with Joan Daniell of Keinsham & to consumate the same in the county of Sumerset, desired a certeficat on his behalfe, which wee knowing nothing of his being otherwais ingadged nor ought of his conversation meet to obstruct his proceeding amongst friends, have to that purpose this day given him such certificate.

A paper according to the desire of the last meeting was prepared & brought in by Edward Martendale & Tho. Gouldney, & is againe committed to Richard Sneade, Lawrance Steele, Tho. Callowhill & Richard Vickeris or some of them, to draw fayer, whoe may add to or deminish from the same as they find may best sute with the sence & intent of this meeting.

10th of the 11th moneth [January 1680/1]

According to the desire of the former meeting, after amendment

³ *SPQ* 361.

the paper being aproved, Lawrance Steel is desired to read it in the publick meeting on next first day.

Tis desired that if any friends have occation of complaint against others in the case aforesaid, or an inclination to acquaint friends of any which they dowbt are in danger of miscarriage, they are desired to apply themselves to Charles Jones Senior, Charles Harford, John Love, Richard Marsh, Richard Snead, & Thomas Callowhill or some of them, rather then publickly to open the same in the meeting, least peradventure the case may be such as not fitt to be publickly debated in the publick meeting.

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In Bristoll the 7th of the 12th month [February] 1680

William Rouch of this citty Taylour, and Judith the daughter of Thomas Yate late of this citty Merchant, did this day propose to this meeting their intentions of joyning together in mariage; & did desire to have the same caryed on and accomplished in the way & manner of friends. Mary the mother of the said Judith being present, did signify her consent therunto: & that her daughter was cleare & free from ingagement with any other man in relation to mariage, so far as she knew. Richard Yates, the unkle, being present with Ann his wife, did also give their assent to the said mariage.

In Bristoll the 21th 12 month [February] 1680/1

John Bennett of Barton Regis Shoemaker, and Ann Enfeild alias Curtis, daughter of Wm. Enfeild late of Bellfast in Ireland Clothier deceased, did this day propose to this meeting their intentions of joyning together in marrydge, & did desire to have the same caryed on & accomplished in the way & manner of friends. John haveing a father liveing, friends expects that he bring a cirtificate of his consent.

John Hopkins sonn of Thomas Hopkins of this citty Saltmaker, and Mary daughter of Wm. Wilton late of Elverton in the county of Glocester deceased; did this day propose to this meeting their intentions of joyning together in marridge, and did desire to have the same carryed on & accomplished in the way & manner of friends. Jno. haveing a father & mother liveing, tis expected that he bring a cirtificate of their consents, and alsoe a cirtificate from Francis Pinnell father in law to the said Mary of his consent.

Wm. Rouch appearing this day in pursuance of his former intentions of marriage, and nothing appearing to this meeting that may obstruct it, he have the consent of friends to proceed to the publication thereof in our publick meeting house on a 6th day.

7th of the first moneth [March] 1680/81

Bee it remembred that the intention of marriage between Wm. Rouch & Judith Yeate was published in our publick meeting by Charles Jones Senior the 25th day of the 12th moneth late past.

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7th of the first moneth [March] 1680/81

Upon the observation of Friends comeing late to this meeting, and takeing notice that the houre appoynted is the second houre which by the friends present unanimously is assented to to be the most convenient houre for comeing together, it is therefore desired that it may be punctually observed for time to come, and that the friends present will endeavor to acquaint those friends absent to observe the same.

John Bennet, in pursuance of his intention of marriage with Anne Enfield, brought a certificate of his fathers consent, and nothing apeareing to obstruct the same they have the concent of this meeting to cause such their intentions to be published in our publick meeting as is usuall.

John Hopkins in pursuance of his intentions of marriage with Mary Wilton brought in certificates, both from his father & mother, & her father, certefing their concent to their proceeding to marriage. & noething appeareing to obstruct the same, they have the concent of this meeting to cause such their intentions to be published in our publick meeting as is usuall.

Richard Sneed, Edward Martindale, and James Cole, & William Noble are by this meeting nominated in case of burialls, to be concerned with the other friends heretofore apoynted (Follo 40) 41⁴ to give notis to Thomas Bowes permitting such burialls in our yard as friends may approve.

⁵25th 8th month 86. Philip Hollister is added to the above instead of T.W. [Thomas Watkins].

The 21st day of the first Month [March] 1680/81

Be it remembred that the intentions of mariage between John Hopkins and Mary Wilton was published in our publique meeting the 18th day of this month by Richard Phillips.

And also that the intentions of mariage between John Bennett and Anne Enfeild was published by John Weare in our publique meeting the 11th day of this instant month.

The 4th day of ye 2d Month [April] 1681

Upon a letter from Geoffrey Pinnell this day read in this meeting, friends have thought convenient to deale with him in relation to his clearing the truth. John Love, Charles Hartford and Edward Martindale have offered themselves to speak with him as from this meeting, at some convenient time, and give account to this meeting.

⁶John Love & Edward Martindale haveing spoke with Jefferey Pinnell, his answare is that he is not willing to give any further satisfaction to friends then what he has allready done.

⁴ 41 added in different ink.

⁵ Added later.

⁶ Added later.

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the 18th of the 2d month [April] 1681

Jno. Haines, a poore aged man dwelling in James parish, desiring the assistance of Friends to his present nessesity, being both sick & lame. In as much as wee perceive that our weomen's meeting are not in stock, Charles Harford is desired to dilliver to him twenty shillings from this meeting & to receive the same of Jno. Love out of our publick stock.

If he or any other have farther occation to crave assistance of Friends, this meeting desires they would rather aply themselves to the weomen's meeting, to whome the care of the poore hath been comitted. And in case ye women's meeting need any assistance, beyond what they collect amongst themselves, it shalbe suplyed from this meeting upon their aplying themselves to us for that service.

Walton Short of this Citty shoemaker, and Elizabeth Horwood, daughter of Wm. Horwood of this citty feltmaker, signified their intentions of marriage and desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of friends. William Short, father of said Walton is deceaced, butt Eliz. Short & Eliz. Horwood, the mothers of said Walton & Eliz. was present, & signified their aprobacion.

The nessesity of Thomas Bowes have been signified to the meeting, & the meeting apoynts Jno. Love to dilliver ten shillings to William Lane for him therwith to pay his quarters rent &c.

2d of the 3d month [May] 1681

Micheal Huff of this citty Silkeweaver, son of John Huff, late of Warmister, & Joan Wheale, signified their intention of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way & maner of friends. The said Micheall hath produced a certeficate shewing his parents assent. The said Joan hath noe parents liveing; Ann Harris her aunt was present to shew her aprobacion.

A certeficate from William Horwood, certefiing his concent that his daughter Eliz. Horwood should joyne in mariage with Walton Short in the good order of friends, was brought into this meeting. The said Walton Short desiring to proceed towards the accomplishment thereof, have the concent of this meeting for the publishing the same in our publick meeting on sixth day as is usuall.

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In Bristoll the 16th of the 3 Month [May] 1681

Be it remembered that the intentions of mariage between Walton Short, and Elizabeth Horwood was published in the publique meeting the sixth day of this instant by Jeremy Hignell.

Michaell Huffe, appearing in this meeting to desire the consent of the meeting for publication of his intended mariage with Joane Wheale, and nothing appearing to obstruct the same; the meeting

have granted him liberty to publish the same any sixth day in our publique meeting.

30th of the 3d month [May] 1681

William Bullock of this citty Playsterer & Grace Edwards signified their intentions of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way & maner of friends. The said Grace haveing noe parents liveing, Margret Hale & Rebecca Serjent, with whom she formerly lived is present, shewing their aprobatation. The Meeting expects that the said William doe procure a certeficate to certefie the concent & aprobatation of his parent against his next comeing.

Be it remembred that on the 20th day of this present moneth, Edmond Bennet published in our publick meeting the intention of marriage between Micheal Huff & Joan Wheale.

The 13th of the 4th month [June] 1681

Thomas Tuckey of Longashton widdower, and Sarah Cotterell of Bedminster widdow did this day propose their intentions of mariage to this meeting, desiring to accomplish the same in the way & manner of friends. Sarah hath no parents nor children: and Thomas has a father liveing. The meeting desires him to procure a certificate of his fathers consent, & also of his clearness from any other person in relation to mariage.

John James of Barton regis, Taylor, and Martha Wallis of ye same, Spinster, did this day propose their intentions of mariage to this meeting. John hath produced a certificate from Paynswick of his fathers & mother consent: attested by severall friends. Martha saith shee hath no parents alive, nor any guardian. They both declare themselves cleare and free from any ingagement to any other persons in relation to mariage.

William Bullock and Grace Edwards have liberty from this meeting to publish their intention of mariage on any 6th day in our publique meeting.

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In Bristoll 4/month [June] the 13th, 1681

Upon complaint made to this meeting that the rudeness of the boyes in our publique meeting is occation of reproch to the profession of truth: Charles Jones & Charles Harford have offered themselves to take what care they can betwixt this & the next meeting to remedy and prevent the like inconveniencies.

John Styans, & his wife, and their daughter (who was lately maryed by a preist), it is desired that John Weare do desire Hannah Jordan to perswade them to come to ye next mens meeting.

The 27th day of the fourth Month [June] 1681

Thomas Tuckey of Longashton haveing brought in a certificate of his fathers consent, and also of his clearnesse from any other

person in relation to marriage, other then Sarah Cotterell, this meeting hath given liberty for publication of their intentions in our publique meeting any sixth day, & after that to attend our mens meeting.

James Wall of Bristoll⁷ Stocking Seller, and Mary North of this City widdow, did this day propose to this meeting their intentions of marriage desiring to accomplish the same amongst us, in the way & maner of friends. William Rogers on the behalfe of Mary North hath certified the meeting, that due care is taken that the portions of Mary Norths children is allready well secured. It is desired (notwithstanding that James Wall hath been an inhabitant amongst us for some tyme) that he would for order sake, procure a certificate from the meeting at Evesham (if it can conveniently be;) otherwise from some substantiall friends there, of his clearness from all other persons in relation to marriage.

John James, and Martha Wallis have ye consent of the meeting to publish their intentions of marriage in our publique meeting on any sixth day.

Be it remembered that the intentions of marriage between William Bullock and Grace Edwards was published in our publique meeting the 24th of this month by Jeremy Hignell.

Edward Houlder of this city weaver, making knowne his necessity to this meeting; they have ordered John Love to let him have thirty shillings upon his bringing Thomas Kill to ingage for ye repayment of it againe in six months time.

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Bristoll the 4th month [June] the 27th, 1681

The meeting have ordered John Love to pay John Woodward ten shillings for what is past, and ten shillings a quarter for time to come, in consideration of his care and industry in keeping out William Davis, and Katherine Wellsted out of the meeting; they being taken to be two distracted persons, and have occasioned often times disturbance in our publique meetings.

The eleventh day of the fifth month [July] 1681

Be it remembred that the intention of marriage between Thomas Tucky & Sarah Cotterell was published in our publick meeting by John Weare.

Also that the intention of marriage between John James & Martha Wallis was published at the same Meeting the first day of this present moneth.

Some friends on the behalfe of Thomas Winfield and Bridget his wife, desires they may be admitted to inhabit in our meting house in Templestreet, which is concented to this day by the meeting.

Edward Houlder could not procure Tho. Kill to stand ingadged

⁷ *The clerk began to write Hosier but struck it out.*

for him; notwithstanding the meeting tooke his request into consideration, & are content to lend him 30/-, ten shilling being already dillivered to him by Tho. Gouldney, the other 20/- is to be payd him by Jno. Love when he brings a pece of serge to Jno. Moone, which Jno. Moone promiseth to receive & reserve for security of the said 30/- to frinds againe in 6 moneths tyme.

Richard Vickeris is desired to enter in a Booke⁸ the memorialls of the Sufferings that befall friends in this citty for their testemoney to the truth, and also out of the same when occation shall require, to draw a breviat to be surveied by this meeting, to send up to London to answer the desire of friends from the Yearly meeting.

James Wall in pursuance of his former intentions have procured a certeficate from the meeting at Evesham to the satisfaction of friends, soe have the concent of this meeting to cause his intention of marriage with Mary North to be published in the publick meeting as is usuall.

The 25th of 5th Month 1681

Be it remembered that the intentions of mariage between James Wall & Mary North were published in our publique meeting by Edward Martindale the 15th day of this instant 5th month.

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The 8th of the 6th month [August] 1681

John Hollard, son of Roger Hollard, & Elisabeth Owing daughter of Joseph Owing both of this citty, did this day propose their intentions of marriage. Their parents being all present gave their consent to their proceedings. It is referred for further consideration untill the next meeting.

John Love is desired to pay for 1 monthes dyet for James Stirredges wife, & Charles Harford and Thomas Watkins is desired to speake to friends of the womens meeting to take such further care as they shall see meet.

John Love is desired to pay unto Thomas Bows Eight shillings to pay one quarters rent.

A paper being read from friends of Devonshire concerning a fire that hath been at Cullumton⁹ & Bradninch, wherein severall of our friends have suffered loss, it is in friends hearts to assist them, & doe agree that a Collection be had in our publick meeting on a first day, & Thomas Speed is desired to speak of it in our meeting next first day in the morning, & the Collection to be in the afternoon.

⁸ Volume not traced. See 12 July 1681, Quarter sessions, the Grand Jury presented the constables of the Castle, James and Temple parishes for not disturbing the conventicles, B.A.O., 04452(1), 46. The heaviest persecution began in Dec. 1681, the meeting houses were out of commission and the Men's Meeting met in private houses to transact business.

⁹ *Altered from* Callington. In the fire of 16 June 1681, Friends' losses were estimated at £550; Bristol MSS. II. 35. The minute is printed *Jnl. F.H.S.* 48 (1958), p. 272.

James Cole, John Baynton, Erasmus Dole, Edward Martindale are desired to stand at the door to collect what friends are free to give.

The 22th of the 6th month [August] 1681

John Hollard, son of Roger Hollard, was here againe in pursuance of his former proposition of his intention of marryedge with Eliz. daughter of Joseph Owen, & nothing appeareing to ye contrary, he had liberty to cause his said intentions to be published in our publique meeting house as is usual in such cases.

The businesse of Edward Houlder being againe revived, & he renueing his request to Friends to lend him the sume of Thirty shillings, Friends are willing to lett him have ye money, he engaging to pay in to Jno. Moone 5/s. for every piece of searge he makes untill the said 30/s. be fully paid.

John Higgins of this citty Distiller manifested his intention of marryedge with one Martha Pierce of Ware in Hartfordshire. & forasmuch as the said marryedge is designned to be there accomplished, he requested that Friends of this meeting would grant him a certificate of his clearnesse from all others with respect to marryedge & likewise of his conversation amongst us soe farr as wee have knowledge thereof, which this Meeting concludes to answer & have ordered a certificate to be drawne accordingly.

In pursuance of the above order for a contribution towards the losse of Friends susteined by fyer in ye county of Devon, a Collection was made in our publique Meeting house the 14th of this month, which amounted unto the sume of 23li. 10/s., which money is comitted to Edward Martindale with desyre that he would remitt it into ye hands of Jno. Ganneclift of Exeter as desyred by Friends of Devonshire for ye use & end aforesaid.

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5th of the 7th month [September] 81

Be it remembred that the intention of marriage between John Hollard and Elizabeth Owen was published in our publick meeting by John Love the 26th day of the sixth moneth last past.

The meeting takeing notice that the boys who usually sitt in the front of the gallery in our meeting house have been of late rude and disorderly, Theophilus Newton is desired to alter the bench which is now to[o] low & uneasie for men to sitt on, and set up another more fitt that men may sit there also, hopeing thereby the boys may be kept the better in order.

ye 19. 7 month [September] 1681

Rich. Vickris & Tho. Watkins are desired to get in ye moneyes for shooes soo'd [sold?] for James Sturig & bring itt to ye next meeting.

It is this daye agreed by ye Meeting that Joh. Love shall lende unto Nathaniell Parke fower poundes out of our Publique Stocke, to be

repayd by him againe by five shillings a quarter.

17th of 8th month [October] 1681

John Love is desired by the meeting to give to William Cole tenn shillings out of ye Stok.

31th of the 8th month [October] 1681

Andrew Wotten of Eckbuckland in county of Deavon husbandman and Mary the daughter of Joseph Fletcher late of this citty, signified their intention of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of friends. Jane Jelson, mother of the said Mary, was present & shewed her aprobacion thereof. Andrew hath noe parrents liveing, but tis expected that he bring a certeficate from friends of Plymouth meeting of his cleareness &c.

Boyes have apeared rude & disorderly about the meeting house dore at meeting time on first days, espeacially at Templestreet. James Cole & Jno. Barnes are free to looke out after them for the two first days following & to learne who they are, & endeavor to restraine them.

John Tounly of Bedmister in the county of Somerset taylour and Anne Cox daughter of John Cox late of Bourton in the county aforesaid yeaman, signified their intention of marriage. John Tounly of Cheltenham in the county of Gloucester and Alce his wife, father & mother of the said John, a certeficate in their names expressest their aprobacion, yet not soe fully wittnessed that it hath full credit with the meeting, but expects som farther testimony. The parrents of Anne Cox are deceaced, butt Richard Snead & Charles Jones, gardians of the said Anne, are present and doth allow thereof, but in asmuch as Anne have had her residence at Bourton, tis expected she procure a certeficate from friends there of her cleareness.

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14th of the 9th month [November] 1681

Andrew Watton in persuance of his former pro[po]salls presented a certeficate from Friends at Plymouth to the satisfaction of the meeting. Soe have concent to cause his intentions of marriage to be published in our publick meeting.

¹⁰His intention of mariage with Mary Fletcher was published in our meeting the 18th day of this instant 9th month by John Jennett.

Jno. Townely in pursuance of his former proposall apeared, but have not yet any better testimony for his certeficate, but for her cleareness wee have a certeficate from friends at Claream meeting to our satisfaction. Farther, Richard Snead acquaints this meeting that he did about 10 dayes since write to John Cox of Gloucester & some friends of Cheltenham to certefie us the mind of Jno. Townlys parents, to which he have not yet received any answere, but expects

¹⁰ Added later.

it tomorrow. Wherefore, tis refered to Richd. Snead, that if he receive certificate which he can depend on to be satisfactory, he may, on behalfe of this meeting, signify our allowance that their intention [of] marriage may be published in our publick meeting.

Nicholas Taylour & John Jenett are free for the next fortnight to take care to prevent the rudeness & disorder of the boys about our meeting house.

Jno. Coules a poore man of Upton Bodismaker have made a request to friends of this meeting to assist him in his present nessesity, haveing 5 small children & his wife now lying in childbead. Friends have desired Charles Harford & Jno. Love to make farther enquiry what the man is; & if they see meet to disburst 10/- to him out of our publick stock, Friends will allow thereof.

The 28th of the 9th month [November] 1681

Be it remembered that ye intentions of mariage between John Townley, & Anne Cox was published in our publique meeting by William Rouch the 18th day of this instant month. Richard Sneed acquaints the meeting that he has received a satisfactory answere from some friends of Cheltnam, to wit Daniell Haward & Jacob Davis, that the father of John Townely did owne the certificate brought hither by his sonn, & that he was consenting to his sonns mariage with Anne Cox.

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The 28th of the 9th month [November] 1681

Thomas Bayly & Michael Jones are free to endeavour to keep the boyes in order in our meetings for the next fortnight.

12th of the 10th month [December] 1681

Tis the desire of this meeting that the litle dore belonging to the meeting house be not bolted but kept only under latch untill the 2d houre in the afternoon, that soe friends may not be hindred from coming in that way untill the second houre, then to be lockt.

Lawrance Steel hath undertaken by som one of the famely belonging to the house to performe it, viz. to set by the dore from the first houre, to latch it if left open untill the 2d houre, and to attend also after the 2d houre with the key, keeping it lockt, to lett out only those who may have occation to goe forth, who shall not permitt any of the rude boys to goe rambling.

Wm. Prigg & Henry Didicot undertakes to take care about the gallery in the Greate meeting house in the afternoone, & about the meeting house in Templestreet in the morneing to keepe the boys from play & disorder untill the next meeting.

6th of the 12th month [February] 1681—at Jno. Moones

John Hardiman Junior of this citty Taylour & Sarah Saunders, daughter of John Saunders late of this citty Grocer, signified their

intentions of marriage and desire to accomplish the same in the way and manner of Friends. John Hardiman & Frances his wife, father & mother of the said John, was present & shewed their concent and aprobacion. The parents of the said Sarah is deceaced, but Thomas Gouldney & Mary his wife the relations & gaurdian of Sarah, being present shewing their concent. The said John & Sarah affirming themselves free & cleare from all other persons in the like relacion of marriage.

Although none present knoweth any thing to the contrarie, yet for the farther & better discovery, & for cleareness in their proceeding, wee recommend them & also give notice hereof to the weomens meeting to be published amongst them, that after their enquiry thereinto if they find any cause to obstruct their proceeding may give notice thereof to the next mens meeting.

Next meeting to be at the house of Richard Marsh.

[*In margin: one below the other:*]¹¹ T G; R M; J L; C H; C J; T C.

Mens meeting 20th of the 12th month [February] 1681—
at the house of R: Marsh

Margret Heale & Bridget Snead acquaints this meeting that, accor[d]ing to the advice of the last meeting, publication was made in the weomens meeting of the intentions of marriage between Jno. Hardiman & Sarah Saunders, & that upon such publicacion & inquiry they doe not find any thing meet to obstruct the same.

The said John Hardiman this meeting also apeareing in persuance of his former intentions with desire for the accomplishment thereof is answered:

viz. That the friends at this meeting finds nothing appearing reasonable to obstruct their marriage, butt in regaurd the number of our present meeting is butt few, many of our friends being in prison & som out of the citty, doe therefore refer him to acquaint our friends in prisson with such their intentions of marriage & with this our proceeding (copie whereof is given him for that purpose) to the end if they find noe thing meet to obstruct it, there might be their joynt concent with this of ours for the said John and Sarah to proceed to the accomplishment thereof at such tyme and place as they with their relations & friends of truth who shalbe acquainted therewith shall see meet.¹²

Next mens meeting to be at the house of Edw. Hackett.

[*In margin: one below the other:*]¹³ W D; E H; E L; T B; G G; C S; W R; T C.

¹¹ Thomas Gouldney, Richard Marsh, John Love, Charles Harford, Charles Jones, Thomas Callowhill.

¹² *SPQ* 105.

¹³ William Davis or William Dawson, Edward Hackett, Edward Line, Thomas Brown, George Gough, Cornelius Sergeant, William Rouch or William Rogers, Thomas Callowhill.

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6th of the first month [March] 1681/82 at E H [Edward Hackett]

Forasmuch as friends are kept out of our meeting house so that wee cannot hold our mens meeting therein, our meetings being held in perticuler friends houses by torne, which may perhaps not be knowne to every parties who may have occation thereunto,

For the better giving notice to such Friends as may have either bissoness to (or a desire to be present at) our mens meetings, tis desired whilst many of our friends are prisoners in Newgate, that notice be left with som of our Antient friends in Newgate at what place the severall mens meetings are apoynted to be held, to the end, they may direct any such friend who may have occation to inquire of them thereof.

Next meeting to be at the house of Tho. Callowhill.

[*In margin: one below the other:*]¹⁴ W R; T B; E L; T C.

20th of the 1st month [March] 1681/82

Jno. Love is advised to pay seaven shillings sixpence to William Cole, to pay his quarters rent now dew at this aproaching quarter day.

Next meeting to be at the house of Tho. Jordan.

[*In margin: double column:*]¹⁵ T G; J L; T J; E H; E L; J P; C H; R M; T C; T B; J D; R P.

3d of 2d month [April] 1682

Our publick stock for the poore & other nessesary services being nigh expended & in debt beyond what remains in hand, Friends desires that a Generall Collection be made amongst friends, which being now begun, tis desired farther progress be made thereon at next meeting.

& next meeting to be at the house of Charles Harford.

17th of 2d month [April] 1682

Thomas Jordan & T. Goldny are desired to give notice of our Collection and take the subscriptions of friends thereunto.

First of the 3d month [May 1682]¹⁶

15th of ye 3d month [May] 82. at the house of C H [Charles Harford]

Wm. Horwood of this cityy Carpenter signified his intention of marriage with Susannah daughter of Arther Bewes & to consumate the same at Haverfordwest, & desired a certeficate from the meeting of his cleareness &c.

¹⁴ William Rouch or William Rogers, Thomas Brown, Edward Line, Thomas Callowhill.

¹⁵ Thomas Gouldney, John Love, Thomas Jordan, Edward Hackett, Edward Line, John Pope?, Charles Harford, Richard Marsh, Thomas Callowhill, Thomas Brown, John Dole?, Richard Phillips?

¹⁶ No minutes are entered beneath the date heading.

[Anne]¹⁷ Lascomb signified her intention to joyne in marriage with [William Creak, of Southwark]¹⁷ & to consumate their marriage amongst friends in London desired a certificate from friends of her cleareness &c. Griffith Lascomb, father of said [Anne]¹⁷ signified his concent & aprobacion.

To both which wee certefied that wee knew nothing meet to obstruct their marriage.

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7th of the 6th month [August] 82. at R V [Richard Vickris]

Robt. Rudle and Anne daughter of James Doleing, signified their intention of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way & maner of friends. James Doleing & Susanah his wife, father & mother of the said Anne, was present shewing their aprobacion. The father of Robert is deceaced but Elizabeth Blaake mother of sayd Robert Rudle shewed her concent.¹⁸

[*Addition from rough copies:* Minute requesting attendance of the Trustees for the meeting house to attend next meeting to discover an expedient to recover and preserve the meeting house for the use of Friends. The trustees at liberty to consult with others that are also in the city but under restraint, so that they may the better understand the mind of the whole as near as may be.

Initials of Friends present: Thomas Gouldney, Francis Rogers?, William Yeat?, Richard Marsh, John Love, Charles Harford, Charles Jones, Michael Dole, Erasmus Dole.]¹⁹

21th of the 6th month [August] 1682

Daniell Neale makes his request to Friends at this meeting, that he may enjoy the place or office that Tho. Bowes lately had for digging of graves & registering the buryalls, &c. Upon debate of the matter the Meeting agreed to that he should have & enjoy the said place during such time as he shall duely discharge the same.

Robt. Rudle haveing aplyed himselfe for the concent of the Meeting for the publication of his marriage with Ann Doleing, it is concented unto that he may have liberty to publish the same in our publick meeting both at prison & weomen's meeting, and if nothing appeare justly to obstruct the same, they may accomplish their marriage when they shall see meet.²⁰

Stephen Crispe haveing remitted ten pounds to this meeting as

¹⁷ Blank left in the original. The Digest of registers at Friends House Library, London, records the marriage, 15 Aug. 1682 at Horselydown, Southwark Monthly Meeting, of Anne Lascombe to William Creak of Olaves, Southwark, caster maker, son of the late William Creak of Bishops-gate Street, London.

¹⁸ From this date until August 1686, rough copies of minutes are preserved in the record volume entitled "Illustrations of discipline, 1666-1808", no. C.1842 C.20 [141]; B.A.O., SF/A7/1. Additional material from this source is given in square brackets at the end of the minute book entries for each meeting day.

¹⁹ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 15.

²⁰ Friends House Library, Dix G.8.B.

moneys given by William Williams for the releife of Suffering Friends that are poore.²¹ This meeting disposeth of the same as followeth.

to Tho. Taylour, Jeremiah Hignell,	£
Tho. Lofly, Tho. Window 20/- each	4. 0. 0
Philip Russell, Charles Bury,	} 10/- each
Rich. Cause, Rich. Parker,	
M. Huff, Jno. Bulgin,	
Clem. Oliver, Wm. Davis,	
Jno. Woodward, Morgan Lamb,	
Jos. Chaundler, Miles David	6. 0. 0
	10. 0. 0

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16th of ye 8th month [October] 1682

Mens meeting at the house of Micheal Jones in Redcliffstreet.

Friends there agreed that a letter should be wrott from this meeting, to our friends of the mens meeting at London to acquaint them the case of our meeting houses, with respect to the security of the trustees, and desire their advice how to proceed to get our writings out of the hands of William Rogers (he haveing denyed to dilliver them) and also how to secure them for their intended uses out of the reach of all Truth's adversarys. Which letter Richd. Vickeris and Charles Jones Junior are desired to forward.

Next mens meeting to be at the house of Edward Hacket.

[*Friends present:* Charles Jones senior, Richard Vickris, Theophilus Newton, John Moone, John Baunton, Edward Hackett, William Rouch, John Arney, Charles Jones junior, William Lane.

The minute makes it clear that the proposal to write to the Mens meeting of Sufferers at London came from Richard Vickris.

Minute authorising a meeting to be held at the house of the Widow Dowell on 5th day next at 5 in the afternoon, by Friends at liberty, to wait on the Lord for increase of strength for the preservation and keeping up our public meeting.]²²

30th of the 8th month [October] 1682. at E.H.

Little of moment occurred, but next meeting appoynted at the house of Richard Vickeris.

²¹ By this time most Friends had been in prison for a couple of months. The meetings for worship were kept up by the children, who were set upon by the constables, put in the stocks, or sent to Bridewell for a few hours to frighten them. Two weeks before (6 Aug.) the children who met outside the Friars had been beaten by John Tilly, the constable on the Weir, with a whalebone-stick; J. Whiting, *Persecution expos'd*, 1715, p. 76.

²² B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 19. Meeting for Sufferings had already (6 Oct.) had before it the position of the meeting house; *SPQ*, 104.

[*Friends present:* Lawrence Steel, Edward Hackett, William Lane, William Rouch, Theophilus Newton, Richard Vickris.

Minute asking Richard Vickris to speak with Thomas Callowhill who holds the counterparts of the deeds of Fryers meeting house to see if he can help Friends regain possession of the property long illegally detained from them, and not claimed by Friends because the title deeds are detained by William Rogers.

Minute asking Friends not to desire to have or invite great numbers to burials at this juncture while our public meetings for the worship of God are so thin and meanly supplied.

Minute recording concern that public meetings for worship are reduced to so low and mean an appearance, and authorising a solemn meeting to stir up Friends to faithfulness therein. Lawrence Steel and Richard Vickris to consider the matter further, and inform Edward Hackett for more general notification.]²³

Mens meeting 13th of the 9th month [November] 1682. at R V.

Peter Young and Anne Jones daughter of Charles Jones, both of this city, proposed their intentions of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of Friends, declareing themselves free from all others with respect to any ingadgment of this kind. Ann Jones, the mother of said Ann, was present declareing her owne & her husbands concent. Peter signifyes that his relations concons also, & promises to procure a certificate thereof against the next occation.

Micheall Jones of this city being about to joyne in marriage with Grace Marsh, daughter of Richard Marsh, late of this city but now inhabiting in or neare London where the said marriage is to be consumated, desires a certificate from this meeting for satisfaction of friends there of his conversation & cleareness, which this meeting gave him accordingly.

[*Friends present:* Thomas Bayly, Charles Jones, Jno. Arney, Theop. Newton, Samson Coysgarne, Wm. Rouch, Rich. Phillips, Rich. Vickris.

Minute of the grant of a certificate of cleareness to John Grigory of this city, intending to marry Lydia Hearsant at South Hampton.

Richard Snead having produced a letter of Anthoney Sharpe and Peeter Sleigh, reporting from Dublin that Thomas Player had married by the priest, and left his wife in a poor condition there, and come into these parts, is married here, and is to be heard of at the house of Mathew Mullen ship-carpenter his brother-in-law, Charles Jones Junior is desired to speak to Mathew Mullen, and Samson Coysgarne and William Rouch to find and speak to Thomas Player.]²⁴

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²³ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 17-18; *SPQ* 103-4.

²⁴ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 21.

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Mens meeting 27th 9th month [November] 1682. at C.J. [Charles Jones]: Junr.

Request being made to this meeting in behalfe of Grace Marsh, daughter of Richard Marsh late of this citty, for a certeficate of her clearenes, she intending marriage with Micheal Jones, & to consumate the same amongst our Friends at London. Which this meeting graunted.

Next meeting apoynted at the house of Thomas Jordan in the Highstreet.²⁶

Mens Meeting 11th of the 10th month [December] 1682. at Tho. Jordans

Peter Young in persueance of his intended marriage with Ann Jones apeared at this meeting and produced a certeficate of his fathers & mothers Concent thereunto. Upon which Friends of this meeting hath nothing farther to object, but doe committ the matter to their freedom in the Lord for the accomplishment thereof, only desires they would forbear the consummation till after the next Mens meeting, because wee are deprived of a conveniency for the publication thereof as formerly.

Daniell Griffith and Abigale Bewes both of this citty signified their intention of marriage & produced a certeficate of his fathers concent his mother being deceaced. It is expected that Abigale procure testimony of her parents concent against their next appeareing.

Next Meeting to be at the house of Tho. Gouldney.²⁷

Mens meeting 25th of the 10th month [December 1682] at T G.

Little of moment concurred, but apoynted the next meeting to be at same place.²⁸

Mens meeting the 8th of the 11th month [January] 82. at T G.

Daniell Griffith in pursueance of his intentions of marriage with Abigale Bewes hath brought in a certeficate shewing Arther Bews father of Abigale Concent to their proceeding, & wee finding nothing meet to obstruct them they have Concent of this meeting to proceed to the Accomplishment thereof as they shall see meet.

Next meeting apoynted to be at the house of Tho. Callowhill.²⁹

²⁶ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 25 gives list of *Friends present*: Thomas Gouldney, Theophilus Newton, William Atkinson, John Love, Wm. Rouch, Ch. Jones Junr., Thomas Jordan, Thomas Watkins, Rich. Vickris, Philip Hollister.

²⁷ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 25 gives list of *Friends present*: Thomas Gouldney, Edward Martindale, Thomas Watkins, Cha. Jones Junr., Edward Hackett, Will. Atkinson, John Jennett, Rich. Vickris, Wm. Rouch, Rich. Phillippes, Cornelius Searjant.

²⁸ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 26 gives list of *Friends present*: Thomas Gouldney, Charles Jones Junr., Thomas Jordan, Jerimiah Hignell, Rich. Vickris.

²⁹ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 26 gives list of *Friends present*: Tho. Gouldney, Tho. Jordan, Tho. Callowhill.

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Mens meeting 22th 11th month [January] 1682. at ye house of Tho. Callowhill

Philip James of this citty Cooper, and Sarah the daughter of Arther Bewes of Harfordwest, signified their intention of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of Friends.

Phillip produced a certeficate of his fathers concent & Arther Bewes, father of Sarah, is present shewing his concent & aproba-cion.³⁰

M M 5th 12 month [February] 1682. at ye house of C. Jones Senr.³¹

M M 5th of the 12th month 1682. as above

Philip James apeared at this meeting in persuance of his inten-tion of marriage with Sarah Bewes, & hath brought in a satisfactory testimony of his mothers concent thereunto by the mouth of Daniell Griffith.

Friends finding noe just cause to obstruct them, [they] have the concent of this meeting to cause such their intentions to be published at the weomens meeting & upon the retorne of their satisfaction therein, may proceed to the accomplishment.

John Collins of this citty Cooper and Dorcass Drew, Widdow signified their intentions of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of Friends. John produced a certeficate from his mother of her concent thereunto, his father being deceased. The father & mother of said Darcos is likewise deceased.

Butt for as much as said Darcos is a widdow and have severall children by her former husband, friends of this meeting hath apoynted Charles Jones Junior and Richard Vickeris to inspect the case whether the will of the late husband relateing to those children be duly performed, or provision made for her children & to give account thereof to the next meeting.

A tender Epistle from John Taylour & Thomas Waite of Yorke was read to this meeting, wherein they signify the greate sence and compassion friends at the quarterly meeting in that County have of the present Sufferings and afflictions of our poore friends in this Citty [p. 96] for whose reliefe they have sent a token of Thirty pounds to be distributed to such as are in most need. The care thereof is comitted by the letter to Richard Snead, Charles Jones & Richd. Vickeris.

It is desired by this meeting that the three friends before men-tioned should retorne answer to the quarterly meeting, tenderly

³⁰ Ibid., *Friends present*: Tho. Jordan, Charles Jones Jn., Eras. Dole, Arther Bewes, Richard Phillips, William Rouch, Richard Vickris, Tho. Callowhill.

³¹ Ibid., *Friends present*: Cha. Jones Senr., Jno. Dole, Jno. Jennett, Tobias Dole, Erasmus Dole, Jno. Osgood, Mich. Jones, Will. Rouch, Samson Coysgarne, Cha. Jones Junr., Rich. Vickris.

accepting their brotherly love towards us.³²

The next meeting appoynted at the house of Ch. Jones Junior.

M.M. 19th of 12th month [February] 1682 at the house of C J: Jun.

Charles Jones Junior & Richard Vickris give account to this meeting that they have inspected the case of Darcos Drews children in reference to their fathers will & have spoken with the said Darcass, and finds a ready inclineation in her to doe what shall become her.

Charles Jones & Richard Vickeris are desired to confer with the trustees, and see that the estate of the children be soe secured to them as shall answer the said Will & give farther account thereof to the next meeting.

Phillip James appeared at this meeting in persueance of his intention of marriage with Sarah Bewes, giving us satisfaction the Weomens meeting had publick notice thereof & nothing apered meet to obstruct them, have full Concent of this meeting to accomplish their marriage when they shall see met.

Tobias Dole shoemaker and Elenor Westbury widdow, both of this citty, presented themselves to this meeting, signifying their intentions of marriage and desire to accomplish the same in the way and manner of Friends. Their parrent of bothe parties being deceaced, there apeares noe occation of any certificates of concent on that account.

Butt Edward Martendale & Theophilus Newton are desired to enquire concerneing the conversation and cleareness of these parties & to give account thereof to the next Meeting.

Tho. Denham, late of London, & Darcos Willis of this citty signified their intent of marriage & desire to accomplish the same amongst friends here. Tis expected that Tho. procure a certificate from London on his behalfe. The neare relations of both Tho. & Darcos are D[ec]eaced.

Ed. Martendale & Theo. Newton is likewise to enquire into their conversation & cleareness.

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19th 12th month [February] 1682 continued

Notice being given to this meeting of reflections cast upon Friends & truth on occation of Robert Claxtons debts remaineing unsatisfied, and what estate he left imployed & converted to som other use.

It is the desire of this meeting that inquiry be made into the matter. Tho. Gouldney is desired to speake with Jno. Hort & Daniell Gibbons, concerned as trustees to the Estate of Robert Claxton, & to know for what cause for such reflections, and to endeavor the removeall thereof & give account to the next meeting.

³² R. Barclay, *Inner life of the religious societies of the Commonwealth*, 1876, p. 324.

Charles Jones on behalfe of William Belcher signified his low condicion & desire of reliefe from Friends & som assistance that may put him a capasy to maintaine his Charge. This meeting have taken his condition soe farr into consideracion, as to order him by the hands of John Love the summe of twenty shillings, at present refering to another meeting to consider of a future releife. In the meane tyme Tho. Gouldney, Edw. Martendale and Charles Jones hath undertaken to speake with his creditors in order to compose his bissonness by geting them to accept of what he hath for full satisfaction, and soe be made cleare of those incombrances.

Next meeting apoynted at the house of Rich: Vickeris.³³

M.M. 5th of the first month [March] 1682/83 at R V

Daniell Gibbons was present & promised he would take care to satisfy all concerned as creditors to Robert Claxston who may looke upon themselves injured through the administracion of his estate, & soe doe what he can to remove all reflections on that account.

Elizabeth Sheward of this citty, on behalfe of her son Robert residing in Antegua, desired a certeficate of his cleareness from all in these parts with respect to marriage, which soe far as wee knew, and of her concent to his proceeding there in marriage with Mary Watkins, her request was answered and a certeficate given accordingly.

John Collins in persueance of his intended marriage with Darcas Drew apeared, & haveing agreed with Joseph Drew one of the trustees for securing the childrens portions, nothing elce apeares to obstruct them.

Tobias Dole also apeared at this meeting in pursuance of his marriage with Elenr. Westbury. Publication thereof have been made at the Weomens meeting, & nothing apeareing either amongst them or us meet to obstruct them, they have liberty to consumate it when they shall see meet.

Next meeting at the house of Ch. Jones, Senior.

[*Friends present:* Tho. Gouldney, Charles Jones Senr., Daniel Gibbins, Tobias Dole, John Herne, Edw. Martindale, Wm. Lane, Theophilus Newton, John Collins, Rich. Vickris.

In the minute concerning the proposed marriage between John Collins and Dorcas Drew, Richard Vickris reports that he and Charles Jones had consulted with the parties and the trustees for the children of John Drew, deceased, and found John Collins willing to oblige himself by a writing to Joseph Drew, one of the trustees, to secure the children's portions; the writing to lie in the custody of the meeting.]³⁴

³³ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 29 gives list of *Friends present*: Thomas Gouldney, Cha. Jones Senr., Tho. Callowhill, Phill. James, Rich. Vickris, John Love, Theop. Newton, John Osgood, John Collins, Mich. Huffle, William Rouch, Nich. Tayler, John Jennett, Cha. Jones Junr.

³⁴ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 30.

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M M. 19th of the first month [March] 1682/83. at Ch. Jones Senior³⁵

Grigory Powell and Ann Saunders both of this citty, appeared at this meeting & made knowne their intent of joyneing in marriage according to the maner of Friends, both declareing their cleareness from all other persons on this account. Tis expected that Grigory doth procure a more effectuall certeficate of his mothers concent, his father being deceased. The mother of Anne being now present signifies hers and her husbands concent & aprobacion of their proceeding.

John Row of this citty Silkeweaver, signifieing his intention of marriage with Hester Dew of Froom, & intent to accomplish the same amongst our friends there, desired certeficate from us of his cleareness in these parts; which Friends incline to provide for him against next meeting.

M M. 2d of the 2d month [April] 1683. at the house of R. Vickris³⁶

Grigory Powell, in persurance of his intention of marriage with Anne Saunders, produced a certeficate to the satisfaction of this meeting of his mothers concent, & nothing apeareing to us as obstruction, he is desired to cause his intentions to be published at our Weomens meeting & also amongst Friends in Prison, and to bring certeficate of soe doing from them, & then if nothing apeare to obstruct they may proceed to marriage.³⁷

Next meeting to be at Ch. Jones, Junior.

M M. 16th of the 2d month [April] 1683. at C J. Junior³⁸

Robert Lux of this citty woolcomber and Margret Taylour of the same citty, spinster, proposed their intentions of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of Friends. Both parties declare themselves free from all other parties as to any concerne relateing to marriage. They have nither of them any parents liveing.

Next meeting to be at ye house of Tho. Callowhill.

M.M. 30th of the 2d month [April] 1683. at T C.³⁹

Robert Lux of this citty woolcomber, in pursueance of his

³⁵ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 31 gives list of *Friends present*: Tho. Gouldney, William Rouch, Daniel Gibbins, Rich. Vickris, Wm. Lane, John Dole, Charles Jones, Cha. Jones Junr., John Rosse, Mich Huffe, Arth. Russel, Rich. Phillips.

³⁶ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 32 gives list of *Friends present*: John Love, Charles Jones Junr., Grigory Powell, Rich. Vickris, Thomas Callowhill, William Lane, Isaac Patredge, John Higgins, John Roe, Daniel Gibbins.

³⁷ For the certificate of publication see Friends House Library, Dix E.6.

³⁸ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 33 gives list of *Friends present*: Thomas Callowhill, William Lane, Michael Partridge, Jeremy Hignell, Gregory Powell, Charles Jones Jnr.

³⁹ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 33 gives list of *Friends present*: Edw. Martendale, Cha. Jones Jun., Isaac Patridge, Jno. Dole, Jno. Hearne, Eras. Dole, Tho. Callowhill.

intention of marriage with Margret Taylour, attended this meeting. In as much as nothing hath appeared meet to obstruct it, they have the concent of this meeting to publish the same intentions amongst Friends both at prisons & weomens meeting, to the end friends may have at next Meeting some certeficate from them of their concurrence.

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Continuance of ye meeting 30th 2d mo. 1683

Thomas Denham, in pursuance of the proposall of marriage that he & Darcos Willis had made the 19th of ye 12th month last, appeared at this meeting & produced a certeficate from the mens meeting at London where he late resided, of his cleareness.⁴⁰ Soe tis concented that they may publish their intentions amongst our friends in Prison and also at the weomens meeting, that wee may have certeficate from them how they concur.

M.M. 14th of the 3d month [May] 1683⁴¹

Friends agreed to signe a certeficate on the behalfe of Ann Bailly to Friends at Worsester; she have signified her intent of marriage there with one Geo. Alexander.

Robert Lux hath brought in a certeficate⁴² of the publication of his marriage, & nothing apeating to obstruct it they have concent of this meeting to accomplish their marriage when they shall see meet.

On publication of the marriage betwixt Tho. Denham & Dorcas Willis nothing appeared to obstruct them.

Yet before the accomplishment of their marriage Dorcas dyed.

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M.M. 11th of the 4th month [June] 1683⁴³

John Love purposing marriage with Mary Phetty of London, & to consumate the same amongst Friends in London, desires a certeficate. Upon which Friends from this meeting certefied that they know nothing that might justly impeded them.

Thomas Jordan & Charles Jones Junior are desired to advise & act what may be nessesary for Elizabeth Bathoe in recovering her lodging roomes, gardine, &c. from those that detaine them from her.

⁴⁰ C.1842 G.10 [102]; B.A.O., SF/A7/6, 5-6, dated 16 April 1683.

⁴¹ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 33 adds: At the house of Tho. Callowhill. *Friends present*: T. Gouldney, Tho. Jordan, John Love, Richard Vickeris, Isack Patridge, Tho. Callowhill, Robt. Lux. Annah Jordan, Lidia Hackett and others of her acquaintance gave information concerning the clearness of Ann Bailly.

⁴² Published at the Women's meeting, 7 May; for the certeficate see Friends House Library, Dix E.7.

⁴³ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 35 adds: At the house of Tho. Jordan. *Friends present*: Lawrence Steel, Edward Martindale, James Wall Senior, Charles Jones Junior, Wm. Lane, Richard Vickris, Thomas Jordan, Edward Hackett, William Dawson, John Dole, Theophilus Newton, Thomas Callowhill.

M.M. 25th of the 4th month [June] 1683⁴⁴

John Lloyd, son of Samll. Lloyd late of Cherbury in the county of Salop, & Mary Powell daughter of William Powell of Painswick in the county of Gloucester, expresseth their intentions of marriage and desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of Friends. The said John produced a certificate from Friends meeting at Welch-poole⁴⁵ for his conversation & cleareness to the satisfaction of the meeting, but nither of them of testimony of their parents concent, which this meeting now adviseth them to procure.

M.M. 6th of the 6th month [August] 1683⁴⁶

M Meeting 20th of the 6th month [August] 1683⁴⁷

John Lloyd and Mary Powell (ali[a]s Humphries) by the hands of Edward Lloyd, presented certificate of their parents concent to their intended marriage:⁴⁸ have the concent of this meeting to publish the same amongst our Friend[s] both at prison & at liberty as is useall.

Upon request of Jno. Dole, Michael Huffe & Philip Russell, who are intending to goe to Pensilvania, this meeting doe graunt them a certificate of their cleareness in these parts.⁴⁹

[p. 98a] M M. 3d of 7th month [September] 1683⁵⁰

John Barnes, John Jennet & Thomas Masters, intending to tranport themselves into Pensilvania, have on their request certificate graunted from this meeting to certefie for their cleareness that wee know nothing in conversation or otherwise meet for us to dissuade or obstruct them. The copies of what wee certefied are layd by us in sev[er]all papers.

M.M. 17th of 7th month [September] 1683

[Crossed through:] John Crew of Bedmister weaver and Mary

⁴⁴ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 35 adds: At the house of Edw. Hacket. *Friends present*: Richard Vickris, Erasmus Dole, John Dole, Edward Hackett and Thomas Callowhill. Next meeting to be at the house of Edward Hacket. [No records of this 'next meeting' have been found.]

⁴⁵ C.1842 G.10 [102]; B.A.O., SF/A7/6, 1-4, dated 25 Feb. 1683.

⁴⁶ No minutes are entered beneath the date heading.

⁴⁷ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 39 adds: At the house of Richard Vickeris. Upon behalfe of John Dole shoemaker, Michaele Huff silkweaver & Philip Russell silkweaver, friends doe grant certificate on their behalfe to Pensilvania. Next meeting to be at the house of Charles Jones Jun. Desired to be at the 4th houre.

⁴⁸ The certificate of Ann Lloyd, mother of John, dated 13 July, is in Friends House Library, Dix E.8. The certificate for publication in prison, Dix E.9.

⁴⁹ Copy of certificate to Pennsylvania for Michael and Joan Huffe, Philip and Sarah Russell, Dix G.41.

⁵⁰ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 39 adds: At the house of Cha. Jones Junr. Next meeting to be at the house of Edward Hacket at 5th houre.

Comby signified their intent of marriage, and desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of friends.

M.M. 1st of the 8th month [October] 1683

Arther Lewis of Bath-easton taylour & Mary Hinton of Barton Regis widdow signified their intention to joyne together in marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of Friends.

[Wm. Lane to acquaint D. Gibbons, Jno. Herne, Jno. Hort, T. Padget, Geo. Bennet.

Tho. Watkins

& P. Hollister

T. Callowhill

Without the Castell Gate to Barton Regis.

Tho. Jordan, T. Goldney, Jno. Jones, Ed. Hacket, Cor. Serjent, Tho. Mosely & S. Hollister, Tho. Locket, R. Philips.

Ch. Jones Junr. per the Castell, & Arthur Sawer.

Next meeting to bee: the house of Ed. Hacket or [blank] between the 3d and 4th houre.

Memorials of a meeting held at the house of Cha. Jones Junr.

Friends present: Jno. Love, Nicholas Taylor, Thomas Callowhill, Nath: Day, Theoph: Newton, Michael Partridge, William Lane, Tho: Watkins, Phillip Hollister, Char: Jones Junr.]⁵¹

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M.M. 29th of the 8th month [October] 1683

Thomas Harris of this citty Apothecary and Phebe Hollister daughter of Dennis Hollister late of this citty Grocer, signified their intention to joyne together in marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of Friends.

Jno. Crew in pursuance of his intention of marriage with Mary Comby presented.⁵² Friends at this meeting concents that he may cause the same to be published amongs the weomens meeting & our friends at Prison, & expects he shall bring certificate to testefy thereof. He hath also promised to produce testimony that Henry Comby, father of Mary, did concent & allow of their proceedings before he⁵³ departed to Pensilvania.⁵⁴

[p. 99] M.M. 15th of the 8th month [October] 1683

John Crew of Bedmister in the county of Somerset weaver & Mary Comby, daughter of Henry Comby late of Bedmister weaver, signified their intention of marriage, & desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of Friends. Testemony is here given by George Bennet that Henry Comby father of the said Mary, who

⁵¹ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 43.

⁵² i.e. was present. The certificate of publication is in Friends House Library, Dix E.10.

⁵³ dyed is *deleted*.

⁵⁴ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 47 adds: At Edwd. Hacketts. The next meeting to be at the house of Thomas Jordan at the 4th howre.

is late removed hence to Pensilvania did before his departure concent & approve of their joyneing together in marriage. Jno. Crew haveing noe parrents liveing, wee esteeme he is at his owne disposing.

Upon consideracion of the late proposall of a marriage intended by Arther Lewis & Mary Hinton, wee find that the said Arthur hath not had society amongst friends or convinced by the truth. Friends are not free to countenance their marriage amongst us, and have desired Richard Vickeris & Phillip Hollister to acquaint her therewith, that she may know Friends doe not approve thereof.⁵⁵

M.M. 29th day. See ye bottom of ye foremer page⁵⁶

M.M. 12th of the 9th month [November] 1683⁵⁷

John Crew produced to this meeting a certificate that the intention of marriage betwix him & Mary Comby was published amongst friends both at their meetings in prison & abroad.

Tho. Harris, in pursuance of his intended marriage, appeared & produced testimony of the cleareness of Phebe, and also of his cleareness to satisfaction. Soe they have the concent of this meeting to cause such their intentions to be published amongst friends as is usuall.⁵⁸

Thomas Harford of this citty Soapmaker intending marriage with Elizabeth Pithead desireing to consummate the same among Friends in the county of Somerset, wher the said Elizabeth hath residenc, desireing a certificate from us of his cleareness &c. This meeting finding nothing to the contrarie, desireth Thomas Jordan & Tho. Callowhill upon som farther enquiry for satisfaction from Charles Harford, Cornelius Serjant, Edward Hackett or some others of his acquaintance, and as they find soe to certefie as on the behalfe of the meeting.

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M M. 26th 9th month [November] 1683⁵⁹

A Collection for the relife of our poore &c. is under consideration, but for as much as we are soe few presentt at this meeting,

⁵⁵ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 45 adds: [At the house of Edward Hackett.] The next meeting to be at the house of Edward Hackett, & desired that those present now will acquaint the friends absent to be together at the fowerth houre.

⁵⁶ p. 98a.

⁵⁷ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 45-47 adds: At the house of Tho: Jordan. Next meeting to be at the house of Richard Vickeris.

⁵⁸ The certificate of publication is printed, *Jnl. F.H.S.* 2 (1905), 15. The testimony of the cleareness of Phebe Hollister (London, 3 Oct. 1683, addressed to Thomas Callowhill in Mary Portstreet, Bristol) is in C.1842 G.10 [102]; B.A.O. SF/A7/6, 7-10.

⁵⁹ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 49 adds: At the hous of Richard Vickris. *Friends present*: James Cole, Thomas Callowhill, Theophilus Newton, Abraham Lloyd, Samson Coysgarne, Richard Vickris, Rich. Phillips.

which may be occasioned by emergency of bissones happning now on the season of Springtyde,⁶⁰ it is desired that wee may have a lardger meeting at the house of John Love next 6th day, at the 4th hower afternoone for that affaire particularly.

M.M. 30th of 9th month [November] 1683. at Jno. Loves⁶¹

Friends examining our accounts finds that our stock is in debt neare the summe of thirteen pounds for rents that wee have hitherto payd and are oblidged to pay on or before midsomer next. And in as much at the need of our poore friends will require our assistance, this meeting agrees to set forward a Collection amongst friend[s] for the payment of said debts and suply of the poore, which wee advise shall lye in the custody of Jno. Love as our Tresurer, to be imployed to the said use, and also to pay the sallery of three pounds yearly to Christian Row, or such other person who shall attend the service of collecting the births of friends children to be registred.

Edward Hacket & Cornelius Serjant are desired to collect the same, & when collected to pay it to Jno. Love.

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M.M. 7th of the 11th month [January] 1683⁶²

Isaac Wilkcox, son of Thomas Wilkox of Knowle, and Hannah daughter of Elizabeth Wallis, signified their intention of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of Friends at Slatenford, & desired certeficate from this meeting on his behalfe. Tho. Wilkcox, father of Isaac, is present and assures us of his & his wifes consent & aprobacion & cleareness from others, which wee certefied accordingly.

John Roggers Woolcomber being under nessesity, desired this meeting to lend him 40 shillings, which the meeting tooke under consideracion, & rather chose to give him twenty shillings, and have apoynted Jno. Love to pay him 20/- out of our publick stock.

M.M. 21th 11th month [January] 1683⁶³

Anne England a servant to Richard Marsh in London, formerly a servant sometimes with Charles Harford & sometimes Peter Young, desired a certeficate; upon enquiry could not find but that

⁶⁰ Spring-tide: A tide occurring on the days shortly after the new and full moon, in which the high-water level reaches its maximum. *Oxford English Dictionary*.

⁶¹ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 51 gives list of *Friends present*: J. Love, R. Vickris, Cor. Serjant, Samson Coysgearne, E. Dole, Ed. Hacket, Will. Lane, Phil. Hollister, Ab. Lloyd, Wm. Noble, James Cole, Tho. Callowhill.

⁶² B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 53 adds: At Ch. Jones, Jun. Next meeting apoynted to be at the house of Thomas Jordan.

⁶³ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 53 adds: Next Meeting to be at the house of Tho. Callowhill.

shee was cleare, & soe the meeting certefied, signed on behalfe of the meeting by Tho. Gouldney, T C [Thomas Callowhill], J. Love, Tho. Jordan, & C. J [Charles Jones] Junior.

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M.M. 18th of the 12th month [February] 1683⁶⁴

William Gravet of Exon in the county of Deavon and Martha Frye of this citty signified to this meeting their intention of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of friends in this citty. The said William produced a certeficat from Friends at their monethly meeting at Topsham of his cleareness from other persons. The said Martha declareth also her cleareness from all other persons. They both have noe parents nor gardians liveing. Upon their request to speed the same, Arther Cotten & Robert Welsh being present, being two of those persons that signed the certificate for William & being well knowne to us, & persons of good credit & reputation, & the said Martha being well knowne to the meeting, doe concent that they may publish the same amongst our friends as is useuall.

M M. 3d of the first month [March] 1683/84

This meeting haveing received a certeficate from our friends at both prisons and also from the Weomens meeting, that there was publickcation of the intent of marriage betwixt William Gravit & Martha Frye, & that they could find nothing meet to obstruct them therein.⁶⁵

They have concent of this meeting to finish such their intended marriage when they shall see meete.

M M 17th of the 1st month [March] 1683/84⁶⁶

Francis Whiteing, late an apprentice to John Dole, being now at liberty, have signified to this meeting his intention of marriage with Ann England, now liveing a servant with Richard Marsh at London, & desires to accomplish the same among our friends at London, & to have a certeficate of his cleareness here. Jno. Dole, his master, & some others well acquainted testefied for him and accordingly Friends from this meeting certefied.

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M M. 28th 2d month [April] 1684

Jno. Love is desired to pay ten pounds out of our publick stock for the releife of our poore friends, viz. 5 li. for those in Bridewell & 5 li. to those in Newgate.

Edward Hacket & Cornelius Serjant are desired to finish the

⁶⁴ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 55 adds: Next meeting to be at the house of Jno. Love, and this day moneth, at Richd. Vickeris—5th houre.

⁶⁵ See *Jnl. F.H.S.* 2 (1905), 15.

⁶⁶ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 55 adds: At R.V.

collection for the poore against next meeting.⁶⁷

M.M. 12th of 3d month [May] 1684. at Jno. Loves
Next meeting apoynted to be at Richd. Vickeris.

M.M. 26th of 3d month [May] 1684. at the house of R.V.

Friends, considering the ill accomodation that our friends prisoners have in Newgate Goale, have desired Thomas Gouldney & Richard Vickeris to advise with Friends at Newgate and endeavor for som better accommodation, & the charge thereof to be borne by Friends.

Next meeting to be at the house of Tho. Gouldney.

M.M. 9th of the 4th month [June] 1684. at the house of T G.⁶⁸

Henry James of this citty taylour & Anne Harris daughter of Edward Harris late of this citty Marriner, signified their intention of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of Friends.

Ann Harris Widdow, mother of Anne, was present signifying her concent & aprobacion & tis expected that Henry doth procure a certeficate of his parrents concent before he may proceed.

M.M. 23d of the 4th month [June] 1684⁶⁹

Henry James in pursuance of his former intention appeared and produced a certeficate from his parents, and also from Friends at Painswick of thir concent & cleareness. He have the concent of this meeting to cause their intention of marriage to be published amongst friends as is useuall, & retorne certeficate from them to this meeting.⁷⁰

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M M 7th of the 5th month [July] 1684. at the house of
Tho. Callowhill

Wheras of late there is but few have frequented the weomens meetings, and the charge of the poore are not only too hard a burthen upon them, but also seemeth very unequall to be borne by that few. This meeting therefore apoynts John Love to disburst Five pounds to them out of our publick stock for their assistance, and doe advise them that they take notice of those friends that usually did frequent their meetings or contribute with them in that service for the poore, that are now remiss & wanting in so charitable a service, and apoynt som of themselves to vissit them and put

⁶⁷ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 59 adds: Next meeting to be at Jno. Loves house.

⁶⁸ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 63 adds: Next M. to be at Tho. Gouldneys.

⁶⁹ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 63 adds: Next M. to be at the house of T C.

⁷⁰ The certificate from parents and Painswick Friends, 15 June 1684, is in C.1842 G.10 [102]; B.A.O., SF/A7/6, 13-14. The certificate for publication is in Friends House Library, Dix E.11.

them in mind that, at such times as they cannot frequent the meeting, they may send into the meeting for that service according to their ability, as god shall open their hearts to that service, that the poore may have releife & the charge thereof as equally borne amongst friends as may be.

This meeting appoynts Jno. Love to pay Nine shillings to Walter Baker out of our stock.

Next meeting to be at Tho. Gouldneys.

M M. 21th 5th month [July] 1684. at T G

Nothing of bissonnes but to appoynt the next meeting to be at the house of Rich. Vickeris.

M M. 5th 6th month [August] 1684⁷¹

M.M. 19th 6th month [August] 1684⁷¹

M M 1st of 7th month [September] 1684

Apoyned the next meeting to be at Tho. Callowhills.

M.M. 15th of 7th month [September] 1684⁷¹

M M. 29th of 7th month [September] 1684⁷¹

M M. 13th of 8th month [October] 1684⁷¹

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M M. 27th of 8th month [October] 1684

Friends takeing notice that since the death of Christian Row,⁷² that service of collecting & (consequently registring) the births of the children of friends hath been omitted, which may fall out greatly inconvenient to some hereafter, if not timely prevented.

Friends therefore recommend it to the consideracion of the weomens meeting to provide some person or way suteable to uphould & continue such a nessesary service.

John Love is desired by this meeting to disburst five pounds out of our publick stock to the weomens meeting for the releife of the poore that are under their care.

John Weare silkeweaver & Katheren Worrell signified their intention of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of friends. They produced a certificate of her parents concent, but it beareing noe date nor had any witnesses to it, they have it retorned againe to be made more perfitt.

Next meeting to be at the house of T. C[allowhill].

⁷¹ No minutes entered under the date heading.

⁷² Christian (widow of Anthony) Roe, buried 23 Aug. 1684.

M M. 10th of the 9th month [November] 1684

John Weare in pursuance of his marriage with Katheren Worrell was present with certificate of her parents consent.

In as much as for divers reasons wee cannot approve or incoradge their intended marriage, yet perceiveng they have Ingadged themselves soe farr as not fairely to be disjoyned, but haveing had information to this meeting that one Thomas Jones hath layd som pretentions to the said Katheren, wee referr the said John Weare & Katheren to make such farther publication among friends as hath been usuall to the end, if they bring to this meeting a certificate of her being cleare from Tho. Jones and all other persons in such a relation, Friends may with more freeness accompanie them as wittnesses in the accomplishment thereof.

M. Meeting 24th 9th month [November] 1684. See over leafe

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M.M. 24th 9th month [November] 1684

Charles Jones presented to this meeting a letter from Rd. Richardson that acquaints us of 30 li. in the hands of George Watt, London as our part of the money remitted from friends in Ireland for releife of poore Suffering Friends in this city.⁷³

This meeting advised that the said thirty pounds should be paid to the order of Charles Jones Junior, by him to be remitted into the hands of Charles Jones Senior, Richard Snead, & Charles Harford to be by them imployed & disposed to the poore Suffering Friends soe as may best suite the intention of those friends that sent it.⁷⁴

M.M. 8th of 10th month [December] 1684

Charles Jones Junior acquaints this meeting that the 30 li. afore mentioned he have remitted into the hands of his father Ch. Jones Senior, according as formerly is advised.

William Lane acquaints this meeting that Daniell Neale who formerly digged our graves is deceaced, but Elizabeth Neale, daughter of said Daniell, will take care to have that office suplyed till friends farther apoynt one therein.

John Weare in pursuance of his intention of marriage with Katheren Worrell was present, but in asmuch as the weoman he proposeth mariage with is noe Friend, nor are our Friends free to have their intentions published in their Meetings, this meeting thinks fitt to give him this Answer: That they have not soe much

⁷³ The letter (London, 15 Nov. 1684) to Somerset Quarterly Meeting, advising John Anderdon at Ilchester of £15 from the grant by Irish Friends is in Bristol MSS. II.63.

⁷⁴ In B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 77 the minute concludes: Advise to pay the 30 li. to Charles Jones Junr., was given to George Watt at the Golden Key in [blank] by letter from this Meeting, signed on behalfe of the Meeting by Th. G[oldney], T. C[allowhill], & Ed Hacket. Next M. to be at the house of T C.

satisfaction in the same as to countenance or allow of the accomplishment to be in the way & manner of Friends.⁷⁵

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M M. 2d day of the first month [March] 1684/85

John Albright of this citty silkeweaver, and Anne Saise daughter of Alexander Saise late of Yeaton in the county of Monmouth, signified their intentions of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of friends. The parents of Anne being deceased, certificate of parrents is expected only from John.

George White of this citty of Bristoll carpenter and Margret Wheler Widdow, signified their intent of marriage, & desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of Friends. They being both elderly people, have noe parents liveing; nither hath shee any child or children left by her former husband.

Thomas Callowhill is desired to advise with Richard Snead and procure a letter wrott to Mary Leveret son or sons, to stirr them up to take care & make provision for the releife & nessesity of their mother, the burthen thereof being now too heavy on the weomens meeting.⁷⁶

M.M. 16th of first month [March] 1684/5

George White the second time apered in pursuance of his intention of marriage with Margret Wheeler, and nothing appearing to us meet to obstruct them they have concent of this meeting to publish it as is usuall.

John Alebright the second time appeared in pursuance of his marriage with Anne Saise and brought a certificate of his mothers concent. Nothing apeareing meet to obstruct it, they have the concent of this meeting to publish the same as is usuall.⁷⁷

M M. 30th of the First month [March] 1685. at Tho. Callowhills

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M. M. 13th of the 2d month [April] 1685

Jessie Noble, late of this citty & now of Rhoad Iland, desireing a certificate from this meeting on his behalfe, touching his cleareness.

This meeting have drawne a certificate shewing they have nothing to reflect against Jessy Noble, & that he is as farr as they know cleare from all persons here.

Also, upon the like request made from & on the behalfe of Jerimiah Tillie from Port Ryall in Jamaica, the like certificate is

⁷⁵ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 77 adds: Next meeting to be at the house of Tho. Jordan. [No records found.]

⁷⁶ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 57 adds: Next meeting to be at the house of Edw. Hacket at the 5th hower.

⁷⁷ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 58 adds: Next meeting to be at the house of T C, 6th hower.

graunted for Jerimiah Tillie, and both signed by order and on the behalfe of the meeting

By

Tho. Callowhill
William Minor
Richard Phillips

M M 27th of the 2d month [April] 1685

Joseph Russell of Bedminster, Millwright, and Rebecca Payne, daughter of Edward Paine of Bedminster aforesaid, signified their intention of marriage, and desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of friends in Bristoll. Tis expected they bring in to us certeficates of their parents Concent.

M M. 11th of 3d month [May] 1685

Joseph Russell appeared to this meeting in pursueance of his former intention, & brought in a certeficate from Margret Russell his mother, and also from Edward Paine father of Rebecca, testefieing their concent to their marriage.⁷⁸

This meeting, finding noe just cause to obstruct them, doe permitt & advise them to publish their intentions amongst friends as is useuall.

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M M. 17th of the 6th month [August] 1685

John Sifford (heretofore an aprentice to James Gibbon shoemaker in Barton Regis) now resideing at London, intending to marry there amongst our friends, have desired certeficate from us of his being cleare from the like ingadgment here.⁷⁹

Robert Gibbons & Philip Hollister being present, and persons wee know to be well acquainted with him, have given testemony to this meeting of his sober deportment whilst their neybour, and that they knowing nothing to the contrarie doe beleive he is cleare from all persons in relation to marriage; upon which this meeting have given certeficate for him to that purpose.⁸⁰

⁷⁸ See also C.1842 C.20 [141]; B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 117-24, 153-6. In the interval between this meeting and the next of which record survives occurred the Monmouth rebellion. 18 June Monmouth's horse arrived at Ilchester and released the prisoners; Friends refused to accept their liberty [Bristol MSS. II.68]; when the rebellion was over Friends took steps to reassure the government that they had not been concerned in the rising (e.g. certificates clearing Friends of Brislington, Pensford, and Chew Magna, dated 4, 5 and 8 Aug. are in Somerset Q.M. Early papers, II.57); *SPQ* 123. To recoup expenditure incurred to defend the city, the council in September began a course of electing prominent Friends as common councilmen, and then fining them up to £200 each when they declined to take the oath of office; *Jnl. F.H.S.* 43 (1951), 75-77.

⁷⁹ See C.1842 C.17 [139]; B.A.O., SF/A7/4, 133, for Thomas Denham's request, dated Newgate, Bristol, 3 August [1685], for this certificate.

⁸⁰ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 87 adds: Next meeting to be at the house of C. Jones Junr. at the 5th howre.

M M. 31th of the 6th month [August] 1685

John⁸¹ Rennet heretofore of South hampton but late of this citty silkeweaver, and Mary Leveret daughter of Stephen Leveret late of this citty Roapmaker, signified their intention of marriage and desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of Friends.

Mary Leverit widdow, the mother of Mary, was present and exprest her approbacion. John Rennet haveing noe parrents nor gaurdian liveing, they are referred as is usuall for this meetings consideration thereof untill another meeting.⁸²

M M. 14th of the 7th month [September] 1685

John Rennet appeared in pursuance of his intention of marriage with Mary Leveret,⁸³ and noething appeareing meet to obstruct them they have the concent of this meeting to publish the same amongst friends as is useall.⁸⁴

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M M 26th of 8th month [October] 1685

This meeting appoynts Jno. Love to pay three pounds out of our publick stock to our friends at the weomens meeting, the better to enable them to suply the present nessesitys of their poore.⁸⁵

M.M. 23d of the 9th month [November] 1685

Abraham Lloyd of this citty marrener, sonn of William Lloyd of the same citty & Mary the daughter of Charles Harford of this citty Soapmaker, signified their intentions of marriage and desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of Friends. Wee have severall testimonys of his fathers concent to our satisfaction. And Charles Harford, father of said Mary, being present, signified his aprobacion of such their proceeding.

William Giles & Constants Cox heretofore servants to Robt. Gibbons at Barton Regis, now residing at London, intending to joyne together in marriage amongst our friends at London, have desired certeficate from friends at this meeting on their behalfe. Robt. Gibbons, Philip Hollister and others giveing this meeting satisfactory account of them, accordingly wee have given certeficate to them for friends at London.⁸⁶

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M.M. 7th of the 10th month [December] 1685

Abraham Lloyd in pursuance of his intended marriage with

⁸¹ Robert is deleted.

⁸² B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 87 adds: Next meeting as before.

⁸³ The certificate for publication is in Friends House Library, Dix E.12.

⁸⁴ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 87 adds: Next M. to be at E. H[acket's], 5th houre. [No records found.]

⁸⁵ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 91 adds: Next. T C[allowhill's house]. [No records found.]

⁸⁶ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 93 adds: Next to be at J L[ove's].

Mary Harford was present and brought in a certificate of his mothers concent.

In as much as nothing hath appeared to us meet to obstruct them they have concent of this meeting to cause such their intentions to be published amongst Friends as is usuall.⁸⁷

M M. the first of the First month [March] 1685/86

Thomas Dixson of this citty Linendraper and Sarah Bennet, signified their intentions of marriage and desire to accomplish the same in the way and manner of Friends. Joan Dixson, mother of the said Thomas, is present and doth approve of such their intentions. The gaurdians of Sarah, viz. James Cole her grandfather, Richard Snead and Thomas Callowhill have testefied their concent to this proceeding.

Thomas Denham of this citty shoemaker and Rebecca Waddam signified their intentions of marriage, and desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of Friends. The parents of them both being deceaced, nor doe wee find any neare relations he hath liveing. Anne Bullock, sister to Rebecca, being her nearest relation, is present shewing her aprobacion to their proceedings.

William Read acquaints this meeting his intention to joyne in marriage with Mary the daughter of John Blaunch of Erdcott in the county of Gloucester, and intends to consummate the same amongst friends in the county of Gloucester, desires a certificate from this meeting on his behalfe. Upon enquiry & consideracion thereof wee doe not find that he is intangled with any other in relation to marriage, nor any other matter or thing that might justly impeed or obstruct such their proceeding.

This meeting have graunted him a certificate to that effect.⁸⁸

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M.M. 15th of the first month [March] 1685/86

Thomas Dixson, in persuaunce of his former proposalls of marriage with Sarah Bennet, attended this meeting, and nothing appeareing to us meet to obstruct them they have the concent of this meeting to publish the same amongst friends as is useall.

Thomas Denham, in pursueance of his intended marriage with Rebecca Waddam, attended this meeting and noething appeareing to us meet to obstruct them they have the concent of this meeting to publish the same amongst friends as is useall.

Samuell Simonds of this citty Tobaccocutter and Mary Turner widdow, signified their intentions of marriage and desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of Friends. Wee have a certificate from Mosses West and Mary his wife, father & mother of said

⁸⁷ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 93 adds: Next to bee at E.H[acket's]. [No records found.]

⁸⁸ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 95 adds: Next meeting to be at C J[ones] Junr. at 5th houre.

Mary, certefieing their concent. On enquiry wee are informed that William Turner the former husband of Mary leaft her noe estate, soe that wee had not cause to require her to make a settlement or provision for her child, they both declaring themselves free & willing to accept each others children as their owne.

Tis expected that Samuells procure a certificate or testimony of his mothers aprobacion.⁸⁹

M M 29th of the first month [March] 1686

Samuells Simonds, in pursuance of his former proposalls of marriage with Mary Turner, attended this meeting, and nothing appeareing to us meet to obstruct them, they have the concent of this meeting to cause such their intentions to be published amongst friends as is useall.

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Edward Paine of Bedminster baker & Elizabeth Bartlett daughter of William Bartlett late of Laventon in the county of Wilts, signified their intentions of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of Friends.

Tis expected that Elizabeth produce testimony of her mothers concent.⁹⁰

M.M. 12th of the 2d month [April] 1686

Edward Paine of Bedmister, in pursuance of his former intentions of marriage with Elizabeth Bertlett, brought in a certificate of her mothers concent. Nothing appeareing to us meet to obstruct them, they have the concent of this meeting to publish the same as is useall.⁹¹

M.M. 10th of the 3d month [May] 1686

Robert Prust formerly of Whitmister in the county of Somerset (about fower yeares last past hath resided in this citty) and Katheren Cleves formerly of Bruton in the county of Somerset (resident in this citty neare six yeares last past) signified their intentions of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of Friends.

They produced to this meeting a certificate of her mothers concent to their marriage. Robt. hath noe parrents nor gaurdian living.

Next meeting desired to begin at the 5th houre.⁹²

⁸⁹ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 99 adds: Next Meeting to be at the house of Ch: Harford or T C[allowhill].

⁹⁰ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 101 adds: Next Meeting to be at the house of C H[arford] or C. J[ones] Junr.

⁹¹ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 101 adds: Next meeting at the house of Tho. Callowhill.

⁹² B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 103 has note: Next meeting to be at the house of Charles Harford about 5th houre.

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M M. 24th of the 3d month [May] 1686

Robt. Prust attended this meeting in pursuance of his intended marriage with Katheren Cleves, and nothing appeareing to us meet to obstruct them they have the concent of this meeting that they may cause such their intentions of marriage to be published amongst friends at the Weomens meeting &c. as is useall, & make retorne of said publication to this next meeting.⁹³

M.M. 7th of the 4th month [June] 1686

Robert Preist brought in to this meeting certeficate that his intentions of marriage was published according to the usuall maner. Nothing appeareing hitherto to obstruct them, they have concent of this meeting to accomplish their marriage when they shall think fitt [and have] called a sufichant number of friends to be wittnesses of the same.

This meeting appoynts James Cole & Paul Moone to speake with Jno. Tilly & endeavor to prevaile with him to dilliver up our Greate meeting house peaceably.⁹⁴

William Ithield is also desired to goe with them.

Also this meeting appoynts John Wood to provide some benches for the meeting house in Templestreet, & to see if there be any bords that belongs to us at Thomas Callowhills that are fitt for that use, and to fitt up ten formes, but to doe them plaine as may be, and if noe bords of our owne are there to be found, then to buy 10 bords for that use.

Next meeting desired to be at the 3d houre.⁹⁵

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M.M. 21th of the 4th month [June] 1686

Account was given into this meeting by Charles Harford & Charles Jones Junior that they had spoken with Jno. Tilly & had prevailed with him to cleare the meeting house for friends meeting there, & was in expectation of the keys & full possession thereof sudenly.⁹⁶

Jno. Wood acquaints this meeting that he had provided the formes for the Meeting house in Temple street according to the order of friends, and also som formes fitt for the Greate meeting house at the Fryers, which was aproved.

Friends haveing under their consideration the nessesity of raysing moneys for defraying debts & carying on the charge of repaireing the meeting house and other publick services of the truth, have thought fitt at this meeting to set forward a publick Collection

⁹³ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 103 adds: Next Meeting to be at the house of Charells Harford at 5th howre.

⁹⁴ SPQ 104.

⁹⁵ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 105 has note: It is agreed that the next Meeting be at the house of Cha. Jones Junior at the 3d houre.

⁹⁶ SPQ 104.

amongst friends for the said services. And in as much as our friends and brethren at London have by an Epistle from the Yearly Meeting, which was read the last meeting day, recommended the sending up moneys for the Generall Service of friends in the nation & elcewhere, its therefore the desire of this meeting that friends be the lardger in their contribucion, in order to answere the expectation of our London Friends, it being the desire of this meeting to suply them from this intended Collection. Sevrall of our antient friends not being present, tis desired it may be farther propagated at next Meeting. & Paul Moone & William Ithield are desired to speake with such absent friends to be then present for the better furtherance of said Collection.

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21th 4th month [June] 1686

Sampson Coysgearne of this citty, & Sarah daughter of William Cook grocer deceaced, signified to this meeting their intentions of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of Friends.

Both doe declare themselves free and unconserned with any other person on said account.

Farther consideration of them is refered to next meeting.

Friends are desired to keep to the time of 3d houre for the meeting.⁹⁷

M.M. 5th day of the 5th month [July] 1686

Friends at this meeting to forward the Collection aforementioned this day subscribed their names & sumes, & have desired Peter Young & Richard Phillips to Collect & perfet the same, & when collected to pay it into the hands of John Love & Charles Jones Senior, or to one of them.⁹⁸

Samson Coysgearne in pursueance of his intention of marriage with Sarah Cook moved this meeting by his letter.⁹⁹ Nothing appeareing to obstruct them they have concent of this meeting to cause such their intentions to be published amongst friends as is useall.¹

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M.M. 19th of the 5th month [July] 1686

Charles Harford & Charles Jones acquaints this meeting that they have got the keys of our Greate meeting house in possession. [They]

⁹⁷ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 106 has note: The next meeting appointed to be at Charles Jones Junr. and Freinds desired to keep their time of the 3d houre as usual.

⁹⁸ For the list see C.1842 H.8 [135]; B.A.O., SF/F1/1.

⁹⁹ For Sampson Coysgearne's letter, "Occations called me into Cornwall", see C.1842 C.17 [139]; B.A.O., SF/A7/4, 49.

¹ B.A.O., SF/A7/1, 106 adds: Next meeting to be at the house of Ch. Harford Senr. 3d houre.

proposed to the meeting the placeing Jno. Woodward therein to keepe the possession for the use & service of Friends, which this meeting agreed to.²

Richard Snead, William Taylour & Thomas Callowhill are desired by this meeting on the behalfe of Friends to set the meeting house in a tenantable posture for him, & to provide the upper & lower roomes with present nessesarys for the mens meetings & for the publick meetings.

Charles Harford Junior signified to this meeting his intention of marriage with Rachell daughter of Jno. Trewman and to consummate the same amongst our friends in the county of Gloucester & desires a certeficate from this meeting on his behalfe, Charles Harford his father being present shewing his concent & aprobacion, & nothing appearing of his being intangled or other reasonable mater to obstruct them, have given him a certeficate to that purpose.

Charles Jones Junior, by himselfe, or with the assistance of Richard Snead, is desired from time to tyme as occation offers to collect the Sufferings of our friends in Bristoll & present them to this meeting.

Next meeting to be at our publick meeting house, or if obstructed there, then at the Gardine house of Thomas Callowhill.

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M.M. 16th of the 6th month [August] 1686

Jabiz White, son of Francis White, late of Teventevis in the county of Wilts weaver, and Mary Merrick daughter of Thomas Merick late of Weston in the county of Heriford, signified to this meeting their intention of marriage & desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of Friends.

Neither of their parent being liveing & they both prett well knowne to most in the meeting, and have been resident in this citty neare six yeares, soe as that the meeting did not see cause to urge for a certeficate from friends in country, especially for that Jabiz walked not amongst Friends in the countrie before he came hither.

Robert Gibbons of Barton Regis Blacksmith & farrier, & Susanah Oatly daughter of Edward Oatly of this citty Glover, signified their intent of marriage, & desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of friends.

Edward Oatly her father is present testefying his concent & aprobacion.

In as much as there have been som suite made to said Susannah in the like case by one Charles Smith, this meeting expects som testimony under his hand or by som other good wittness that she is free from said Charles.

² The Friars Meeting House and the tenement above had first been entered and furnishings wrecked 14 Dec. 1681 (under pretence of levying a fine of £5 for not sending a man in arms to the muster), *Distressed case of ... Quakers ... of Bristol* (1682), 1-4; *Jnl. F.H.S.* 25 (1928), 18; *Besse, Sufferings*, I.54; Bristol MSS. V.136 [B.A.O., SF/C1/1(a)].

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16th 6th month [August] 86

James Gaynerd of this citty Taylour, son of William Gaynerd of Cleavedon in the county of Somerset husbandman, and Deborah Moggs, daughter of Lazerus Moggs of this citty shoemaker, signified their intentions of marriage, & desire to accomplish the same in the way & manner of Friends.

Deborahs mother is present shewing her concent thereunto.

Friends expects som testimony of her fathers concent against they next apearing.

Motion made in this meeting on behalfe of Sarah Minor, daughter of William Minor, who is upon marriage with John Streeter in Nevis, desires a certificate from this meeting on her behalfe to satisfy friends at Jamaica of her cleareness.

This meeting being satisfied that it hath long been depending betwixt them, and finding nothing to apeare meet to obstruct them, hath given a certificate to that purpose.

Thomas Callowhill is desired to procure a standich and a desk for the service of friends at this meeting, and to have all the memorialls of the meeting entered in the Booke at the charge of Friends.³

Consideracion on the meeting house in Templestreet, and setling som inhabitant in this meeting house is referred to next meeting.

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16th 6th month [August] 1686

This meeting desires Charles Harford and Richard Snead to acquaint the weomens meeting that wee find the memorialls of the births of Friends children are not well collected, and to shew them the inconveniency of such neglect, and incoradge them to setle the same in such a constant methood to be careed for in their meeting that noe omission may be for the future.

Elizabeth Bathoe is apoynted to collect the births of Friends children, in the manner as Christian Roe (deceaced) did formerly, and Thomas Callowhill is desired to agree with her for her sallerie.

The mens meeting is desired to meet at the thurd houre, the thurd days meeting at the 9th houre, the sixt days meeting at the 2d houre, the First days meeting at ye first howre after Noone.

Tho. Callowhill desired to provide a new booke for the Meetings service.

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³ It seems likely that the minutes from 7 August 1682 (or possibly as far back as 6 February 1682) were entered in the minute book in response to this order. This need not have been done immediately, as a new minute book came into use on 30 Aug. 1686.

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The Cathologue of the papers from freinds read in the mens meeting.⁴

1677

month

10 77 An Epistell from G F. was read 3d day 10 month
1677 and dillivered to Rich. Sneed to copie & then
to retorne hither

A leter subscribed by Elis Hooks from the yearly
meeting dated 5th of ye 4th month 1677 was read in
the mens meeting the 11th of the first moneth, 1677/78.

⁴ See minute of 19 Nov. 1677.

BIOGRAPHICAL NOTES

THESE notes concern persons mentioned in the text. They supplement information given in the minutes, and do not essay to be thumbnail biographies.

For the abbreviations consult the Bibliography and Key to Abbreviations (pp. xxx-xxxiii).

From the mid-nineteenth century Digests of the registers, and from other sources, an attempt has been made to give the years of birth and death, parentage, occupation, place of abode (as given at successive periods), marriages and number of children. The information from the Digests, although generally to be relied on, has been found defective in particular cases. There are duplicate and variant entries, and the treatment of Old and New Style leads to confusion in dating. Digest information here, although thought to be correct, should not be accepted uncritically without recourse to the original registers.

Where no town name is given following the parish or ward name, Bristol is to be understood. The name of the parish of St Mary-le-Port in Friends' records (which in any case drop the prefix) generally appears as Maryport, and that form has been adopted for brevity. It will be seen that the notes, following the sources at this period, do not normally distinguish between the In and Out portions of the parishes of St Philip and Jacob (shortened to Philip's) and St James, so it is usually only when one has an alternative location for residents in Barton Regis that one can be sure that they lived outside the city boundaries.

Other notes come from manuscripts in the archives and in other collections. It will normally be clear whether statements without express reference come from any of these sources or from printed sources listed in the Bibliography. Details of 'sufferings' can be traced in the contemporary printed accounts and in the omnibus collection in Besse, *Sufferings*. References lead also to printed books for further information, and in particular to Norman Penney's editions of Fox's Journal, which give useful biographical notes and references.

ABRAHAM, Rachel, formerly Fell (1653-1732) of Swarthmoor, dau. of Thomas and Margaret Fell; m. Daniel Abraham (1662-1731), 1682; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669; in Bristol when Fox returned from America, 1673. (Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 452, 490.)

ALBRIGHT, John (d. 1716, aged 60, Temple p.) silkweaver; Redcliffe p. 1682-1705; m. Anne (d. 1729, Temple p.), dau of Alexander Saise, of Monmouthshire, 1685; 2 s. 4 dau.; sufferer, 1682-3; appealed for Friends' assistance, 1693; cork-cutting, 1694. (B.R.S. xxv. 113.)

ALEXANDER, George, of Worcester; m. Ann Baily, 1683.

ALLEN, Nathaniel (d. 1692); cooper, of Redcliffe Street; from 1681 commissioner for William Penn in Pennsylvania; m. Eleanor; 4 s. 6 dau.; sufferer, 1664, 1670.

AMOS, Ann (d. 1696, widow, of James p.), inhabitant in the Friars, 1696. (B.R.S. xxv. 68.)

ARNEY, John (d. 1698) surgeon, of Castle Precincts; m. Elizabeth (d. 1702); 1 s. 2 dau.; sufferer, 1682-3. (B.R.S. xxv. 13; Pountney, *Old Bristol potteries*, 351.)

ARNOLD, Jonathan (d. 1682) of Temple p.; m. Margaret (d. 1684); 4 ch. from 1659.

ARNOLD, Thomas (d. 1670) shoemaker; proposals to marry Dorothy Ring frustrated by his death, Dec. 1670. Another Thomas Arnold d. Nov. 1683, prisoner in Newgate; sufferer, 1682-3.

ATKINS, William (d. 1698); m. Elizabeth; 2 dau., 1663, 1665; sufferer, 1664.

ATKINSON, Anne; m. John Laney, 1675. No record found in Bristol of this. Possibly the same as Hannah Lang, buried 1677.

ATKINSON, William (d. 1708, of Peter's p., late of Downend). One William Atkinson

(wife, Ann) in Peter's p., another in Maryport p., 1696 (B.R.S. xxv. 160 & 103).

ATKINSON, William (d. 1713, of James p.). Perhaps the William (and Elinor) Atkinson, Broadmead, whose son John was born 1694.

AUDLAND, John (c. 1630-1664) of Westmorland; m. Anne Newby (1627-1705); first in Bristol in 1654. (Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* i. 404; *EQL*; *FPT*.)

BABER, John, of Maryport p.; m. Lucea (d. 1680); 3 dau.

BACON, Christopher (d. 1678) of Venice Sutton (Polden), Somerset. (*B.Q.* 386; *FPT*; *SPQ.* 358.)

BAKER, John (d. 1675) of Somerset; Somerset registers give 'Banwell' but other records give his home as 'Burrington'; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669. Somerset registers also record John (d. 1689) and Mary (d. 1686) Baker, of Burrington. (*FPT*.)

BAKER, Walter (d. 1695) of James p.; receiving Friends' poor relief from 1670; allowed to inhabit rooms in house by the Friars, 1687.

BALE, Edward; possibly the Edward Beale, of Temple p., d. 1680.

BANTON, John (d. 1690); m. Ruth Davis (d. 1674, sufferer 1664), 14 Jan. 1670; 3 s. 1 dau.; active on Men's meeting appointments, 1678-80; legacy, 1690; sided against William Rogers; in the royal mandamus for freedom of the city, 1688. One John Banton resident in Nicholas p., another in Redcliffe, 1696 (B.R.S. xxv. 119, 138).

BARNES, John, cordwainer, of Thomas p.; sufferer, 1664, 1680-83; removed to Pennsylvania 1683. See also next entry.

BARNES, John (d. 1715, of Redcliffe p.); merchant (maltman? if so, sufferer, 1681) of Brislington; m. Joan Dapwell (d. 1724), 21 Dec. 1693. Probably two Friends are here confused; sufferers in 1681 and 1683 are

described as maltman, and cordwainer, of Thomas p.

BATEMAN, William, of Haverfordwest; copy of one of George Fox's epistles sent to him for distribution in Pembrokeshire, 1674. (B.A.O., SF/C1/1(a), 7; *EQL*.)

BATHO, Elizabeth, formerly Williams (c. 1620-1698); of Barton Regis, 1674; of James p., 1698; m. John Batho, widower (d. 1679), 28 Oct. 1674; sufferer, 1682; her rooms above the Friars meeting house wrecked by the mob, 1681-82; appointed caretaker at the Friars, and recorder of births, 1686.

BATHO, Jane (d. 1673); m. John Batho; sufferer, 1664, 1670; sentenced to banishment, 1664; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669; meeting house cleaner, 1671. (Fox, *Short Jnl.* 375; *Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 104.)

BATHO, John (d. 1679, of James p., "an Antient Friend"); m. (1) Jane (d. 1673); m. (2) Elizabeth Williams (c. 1620-1698) of Barton Regis, 28 Oct. 1674; sufferer, 1664; collector for the meeting; caretaker of the meeting house; lived on the Friars premises. (Fox, *Short Jnl.* 375.)

BAUGH, William, of Broad Street (1678); m. Sarah (d. 1678). One Elizabeth Baugh, wife of William, of Trinity p., d. 1681.

BAYLEY, Joan (d. 1690) of Clifton, 1677; m. (1) John or Jonathan Tylor, 5 June 1677; m. (2) Jonathan New, shipwright, 21 May 1689.

BAYLY, Thomas (d. 1720) pewterer, of Peter's p.; m. Elinor Cole (sufferer 1664, d. 1706), 24 April 1670; 8 ch., 1671-86; freeman 1675; sufferer, 1664, 1681-3; sided against William Rogers; arms seized from his house, 1684; in royal mandamus for freedom of the city, 1688.

BEARE, Edward, arrived in Virginia in the *Katheren* of Bristol, 1673; mentioned in Letter from Virginia, 25 June 1674 (B.A.O., SF/C1/1(a), 110; *Jnl. F.H.S.* 11 (1914), 28-31); in debt to John Jennett, 21 Jan. 1675 (B.A.O., SF/A7/1).

BELCHER, William (d. 1688) tailor, of Castle Precincts; m. Jane Baily (d. 1720, of Castle Precincts, widow of William, merchant), 30 Aug. 1677; 2 s. 2 dau. 1678-85.

BENNETT, Edmond; signed Bristol Meeting's Advice to youth, 1678; on minor disciplinary appointments about that time.

BENNETT, Edward; sufferer, 1664; dispute with Nathaniel Allen, 1671.

BENNETT, George (d. 1697) of Bedminster; m. Dorcas (Batt) Sawcer (d. 1694), 19 Nov. 1671; sufferer, 1682.

BENNETT, John (d. 1701), cordwainer/shoemaker, of Barton Regis, 1677, 1681; of Philip's p., 1701; m. (1) Sarah Robins, 1677; m. (2) Ann (Enfield) Curtis (d. 1703), dau. of William Enfield of Belfast, 11 Apr. 1681; sufferer 1664 (although this possibly is not the same); sessions 25 Oct. 1672 (B.A.O., 04447(2)) John Bennett of Laffords Gate shoemaker, keeping shop while still an apprentice; sufferer 1682.

BENNETT, Sarah, formerly Robins; without Lawford's Gate, 1677; m. John Bennett (d. 1701), 1677; to be distinguished from Sarah Bennett (sufferer 1663, d. 1675 "an Antient Friend") who appears in *EQL*.

BIRD, Israel (d. 1681) of Redcliffe p.; "an Antient Friend"; sufferer, 1664, 1670; active on minor disciplinary matters 1667-78; signed Bristol Advice to youth (B.A.O., SF/C1/1a), 118).

BIRD, Richard (d. 1681) freemason, of Bedminster; m. Sarah Cornish, of Bedminster, 16 Feb. 1677; 2 s. 1 dau.

BIRKHEAD, Christopher, shipwright and mariner; m. Joan Day (d. 1722), 16 Sept. 1666; 4 ch. 1669-74; sufferer, 1655; prisoner at La Rochelle 1656, at Middelburg 1657; his son's gravestone at Redcliffe Pit, 1669 (*Western Daily Press*, 3 & 4 Mar. 1950; *Trans. B.G.A.S.* 34 (1911), 2.); 10 of Edward Burrough's *Works* sent to America, 1674 (B.A.O., SF/C1/1(a), 48); dead by 1683. (Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 481; *EQL*.)

BISHOP, Elizabeth (d. 1700, of Augustine's p.), sister of George Bishop; certified consent to her niece's marriage to Richard Vickris, 1672; of Lewin's Mead, 1670; Augustine's p., 1696 "Elizabeth Bishop 600 li. Walter Keinton, bachelor her man, Mary Hunton her maid" (B.R.S. xxv. 37).

BISHOP, George (d. 1668), captain; brewer; merchant; of Corn Street, 1654, 1655; of James p., 1665; born in Bristol; m. Elizabeth Cann (d. 1658); 1 s. 1 dau.; freeman, 22 Sept. 1649; secretary to the Committee of Examinations, 1650; Independent candidate at the parliamentary election, 1654; Friends were meeting at his house by October 1654; sufferer 1661, 1663-5; order for banishment (Conventicle Act) 13 Sept. 1665; author of *New England judged*, 1661, 1667. (Fox,

Camb. Jnl. i. 431; Smith; *EQL*.)

BISSE, Thomas, son of Thomas Bisse of Oldbury, Glos.; merchant, of Augustine's p., 1668; m. (1) Mary Prince (d. 1663), dau. of late Edward Prince, 31 May 1661; m. (2) Anne Hersent (d. 1666), formerly Gulielma Springett's maid (Ellwood (1714), 247); on financial and property appointments 1667-69; dealt with for disorderly walking, 1671; for trading affairs 1673-76, see *CSPD* 1673, 513, *Cal. Treas. Bks.* 1676-9, v. 203, 219, *Acts Priv. C., Colonial*, i. 602.

BLACKLOCK, Ann, daughter of Ann Dickinson; m. Joseph Matthews (d. 1707), of Melksham, 30 Oct. 1679.

BLAGDON, Barbara, formerly Brock (d. 1704, aged 95), schoolmistress, 1681; of Trinity p., 1681; later of London; her will proved by granddaughter Ann Ginn, PCC (248 Ash); travelled in the ministry in Ireland (1656), Devon (1657); sufferer, 1664, 1681-4. (Blagdon (1691); *EQL*; *Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 103.)

BONNER, William (d. 1676); m. Mary (d. 1685, of Redcliffe p.); 2 dau.

BOWEN, Mary; dau. of John Starr; m. Charles Bowen (sufferer 1664; d. 1675), 3 Aug. 1665 (Somerset, Middle division); son Charles born 1666.

BOWES, Thomas (d. 1682), silkweaver, 1656; of Redcliffe p.; m. (1) Elizabeth (d. 1656); m. (2) Edith (sufferer 1683; d. 1694); sufferer 1664-5; order for transportation, 13 Sept. 1665 (B.A.O., 04447(1), f. 66); gravedigger for Friends (Friends House Library, Dix G.8.B).

BRADFORD, Thomas, carpenter; of Redcliffe p., 1678; m. Cecilia Deverell, dau. of Geford Deverell, of Road, Wilts (Rode, nr. Frome), 11 July 1677; 1 dau. Rebecca, b. 1679.

BRAND, William. Perhaps William Brend, of London, d. 1676; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 478.

BRIDGES, Elizabeth (1658-1716), dau. of Daniel and Elizabeth Neale, of Redcliffe p.; m. George Bridges, distiller, Thomas p. (d. 1729), 29 Oct. 1692; 3 s. 1 dau. 1693-7; inhabitants of Thomas p., 1696 (B.R.S. xxv. 208).

BRIGGS, Thomas (c. 1610-1685). Signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669. (Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* i. 413.)

BRITTON, Cananuel or Canonel, labourer, aged over 60 in 1682; m. Jane (sufferer 1664; d. 1675); sufferer, 1664-5, 1681-2; sentenced to banishment to Barbados 1664; order for

transportation 13 Sept. 1665 (B.A.O., 04447(1), f. 67, 67v).

BRITTON, Richard, mariner; in the Castle, 1677; m. (1) Margery (d. 1677) dau. of Robert Fowler of Bristol, 5 Nov. 1673; m. (2) Rebecca Barratt, of Shirehampton, 16 Dec. 1680 (Frenchay Monthly Meeting.)

BRITTON, William (d. 1670), surgeon, of Bedminster 1667; m. Anne (d. 1671) widow of Andrew Sole (d. 1666), painter, 2 June 1667; national minister, then a Baptist preacher; author of *Silent meeting*, 1660; sufferer, 1664. (B.Q. 509.)

BROOK(E)S, John, silkweaver, of Philip's p., 1683; of London, 1695; m. Ann; 1 s. 2 dau.; sufferer 1664; under dealing for disorderly walking, 1669-73; receiving poor relief in London, 1695. Possibly two different people.

BROWN, Thomas, son of John Brown, of Ross, Herefs., 1666; later, of Bristol; m. Mary Smith, widow, 16 Dec. 1666; 1 dau.; dispute with William Collins, 1677 (B.A.O., SF/A7/4).

BULGIN, John (d. 1689) of Temple p.; sufferer, 1682; received 10s. from the poor distribution, 1682 (Friends House Library, Dix G.8.B).

BULLOCK, Anne (d. 1729, widow, of Philip's p.). Perhaps widow of John Bullock (d. 1706), tailor, of Philip's p.

BULLOCK, William (d. 1711), plasterer, 1681; tiler, 1703; of the Castle 1682-1705; of Philip's p. 1696-1711; m. (1) Grace Edwards (d. 1702), 21 July 1681; m. (2) Rebecca Hale (d. 1706), 24 June 1703; sufferer, 1685-6; in the royal mandamus for the freedom of the city, 1688 (B.A.O., 04264(8), f. 21; B.R.S. xxv. 182).

BURGESS, Mary (d. 1681, of Nicholas p., "an Antient Friend"), m. William (d. 1676); dau. (Mary) and son (William, jun.), both of Nicholas p., d. 1679; sufferer, 1664.

BURNYEAT, John (c. 1631-1690) of Cumberland, later of Dublin; frequent visitor to Bristol. (*DNB*; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 418-9; P. B. Eustace & O. C. Goodbody, *Quaker records, Dublin, Abstracts of wills*, 1957, no. 42.)

BURY (Berry), Charles, of Redcliffe p., 1679; of James p., 1686-1701; m. Philippa (d. 1679); dispute, 1675; sufferer, 1682; received 10s. from the gift to poor sufferers, 1682; tenant of house by the Friars, 1686; to clean the meeting house; doorkeeper of Bristol

Yearly Meeting, 1695, 1696, 1701. (B.R.S. xxv. 67.)

BUTLER, John; testimony prepared against him, 1672; perhaps of Redcliffe p., 1679, then of Philip's p., 1684-92, and the same as John Butler, of Barton Regis, gardener, 1702-3. One of this name was living in Wine Street, 1666 (*Trans. B.G.A.S.* 61 (1939), 180).

CALLOWHILL, Thomas (d. 1712); freeman 1659, linendraper; button-maker, 1661; linen-draper, 1696, 1707, 1711; merchant, 1702, 1707, 1708; son of John Callowhill, gent.; m. Hannah (d. 1712), dau. of Dennis and Bridget (Popley) Hollister, 27 or 29 Nov. 1660; 10 ch. 1661-80 (*Pennsylvania magazine of history*, 81 (1957), 77); of High Street, 1661-64; of Maryport Street, 1680; garden house near the Friars, 1686; Friars inhabitant, 1696 (B.R.S. xxv. 68); of James parish, 1696-1703; one of the most active Bristol Friends; declined election to Common council, 1685; member of Corporation of the Poor, treasurer 1697-8, deputy governor 1701-2. (S. H. Drinker, *Hannah Penn*, 1958.)

CAMM, John (1605-1657) of Camsgill, near Kendal. (*DNB*; *EQL*; *FPT*; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* i. 410.)

CAMM, Thomas (1641-1707) of Camsgill; m. Anne (Newby) Audland (1627-1705). (*DNB*; *FPT*; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 388.)

CANNONS (Cannings), William, of Temple p.; m. Elizabeth; 7 ch. 1659-73; sufferer, 1664. Perhaps the same as the man in the minute book.

CARTWRIGHT, Jasper; legacy to Friends, used for trading loans, 1676; the money was not in Friends' hands in 1687, and recovered by 1729 only after long effort.

CAUSE, Richard; m. Ann; 1 dau. 1674; received 10s. in the distribution for poor sufferers, 1682 (Friends House Library, Dix G. 8.B).

CHANDLER, Abel (d. 1672), of Barton Regis, 1670; m. Mary Sterridge (d. 1726), 13 Nov. 1670; receiving relief from the Women's meeting, 1672. Inhabitants of Philip's p., 1696 "Mary Chaundler; John & Abel children" (B.R.S. xxv. 172); 1701, serving as Workhouse matron, Mary Chandler, widow.

CHAPPELL, Edmond, of Worle, 1679; m. Dorcas Whiting, of Bristol, 24 Aug. 1679.

CHRISTISON, Wenlock; m. Mary; 1 dau. 1667; banished from the jurisdiction of

Boston General Court, 1661; in Bristol, bound for New England, 1667. (Friends House Library, Biographical memoirs. ii. 509; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 436; R. M. Jones, *Quakers in the American colonies*, 1923; Tanner, *Three lectures*, 72.)

CLARKE, John, worsted comber. One John Clarke, sufferer 1664; possibly either John Clarke (d. 1692), of Philip's p.; or (d. 1710), of James p. In 1696 resident in James p., were John Clarke (wife Mary), and John Clarke (wife Jane). (B.R.S. xxv. 69, 70.)

CLAXTON, Robert (d. 1677) tailor, son of Robert Claxton; m. Elizabeth (d. 1675), dau. of William Bowen, 24 Nov. 1665. Perhaps the same as Robert Claiston, apprentice to Daniel Claiston, assaulted in Stephen's church, 1655 (*Cry of Blood* 39); sufferer, 1664; attended Men's meeting with the cloth-workers, 1671.

CLEMENT(s), Simon (d. 1705), son of Walter Clement, of Olveston; of the Castle, 1678-80, 1688, 1704; of James p., 1695; m. Mary (b. 1654), dau. of Dennis Hollister, 27 June 1677; 4 s. 1 dau.; George Fox was at his house, 1678; in royal mandate to receive the freedom of Bristol; apprenticed to William Rogers; a part owner of the *Delavall* privateer, 1693, was Simon Clement, of London (Powell, *Bristol privateers*, 90); 1696 inhabitants of James p. "Mary Clements; John, Simon, Walter & Dennis children" (B.R.S. xxv. 82); legacies from Thomas Jordan, 1701 (B.A.O., 08021(9)).

CLEMENT(s), Walter (d. 1678; buried in Bristol) of Olveston; m. Mary (d. 1659). (*EQL*.)

COALE, George (c. 1648-1682), son of Robert Coale of Stapleton; nephew of Josiah Coale; factor, later a merchant; of Bristol; of Jamaica, 1678-82; died in London; m. Christobel (d. in Jamaica, 1678?), dau. of William Jennings, 19 Mar. 1673; dau. Christobel (b. 1674) m. Robert Ingram of London, 4 Aug. 1692; dau. Esther buried 1676, Bristol. (Whiting, *Persecution expos'd*, 80-81; Fox, *Short Jnl.* 336.)

COALE, Josiah (1633-1669), of Winterbourne; sufferer, 1655. (Whiting, *Persecution expos'd*, 80, 81; *EQL*; *FPT*; *Jnl. F.H.S.* 28 (1931), 57.)

COCK, Ralph (d. before 1674), of Wine Street, 1666; m. Elizabeth; 2 s.; sufferer, 1664; son Ralph (b. 1664) an orphan, apprenticed by the meeting, 1679.

COLE, James (d. 1693), of Temple p., suf-

ferer, 1670; on meeting disciplinary appointments, 1671-92.

COLE, John (d. 1684), of Peter's p.; sufferer, 1664; 1 s. 1 dau.

COLE, William, shoemaker; trading loan to him, 1676; receiving relief, 1678-82. Friends of this name of Temple p. (d. 1681), of James p. (d. 1694), of Brislington (d. 1713).

COLLINS, John (d. 1698), cooper; of Peter's p., 1684; of the Castle, 1696; m. Dorcas Drew, widow (d. 1704, of the Castle), 22 Apr. 1683; 2 s.; sufferer, 1683. (B.R.S. xxv. 7.)

COLLINS, Richard. One Richard Collings is recorded a resident, adjacent to Joan Dixon widow, Thomas p. [Redcliffe Street?] in 1696 (B.R.S. xxv. 206).

COLLINS, William (d. 1687), of Trinity p.; sufferer, 1664; trading disputes, 1674-5, 1677. A Friend of the name was buried, 1673.

COMBLY, Henry (d. by 1683), weaver, of Bedminster; m. (1) Judith (d. 1670); 2 s. 2 dau. 1656-65; m. (2) Joan Tylor, 25 Dec. 1673; sufferer, 1664.

COOK, William (d. 1684), grocer, 1683; of Michael's p. 1684; sufferer, 1670, 1683; dau. Sarah (d. 1716) m. Sampson Coysgarne (d. 1711) in 1686; dau. Elizabeth (d. 1709) m. Michael Pope, grocer (d. 1703?)

COOLE, Abigail, formerly Vigor, née North (b. 1661), dau. of Thomas North, of Lewin's Mead, mariner; m. (1) Joseph Vigor (d. 1714), 7 Aug. 1679; m. (2) Benjamin Coole, merchant (d. 1717), 24 Oct. 1715; of Westbury-on-Trym, 1715; publication of marriage with Joseph Vigor (Friends House Library, Dix E.5).

COOPER, Nehemiah (d. 1707), cordwainer, son of Francis Cooper, of Worcester; of Philip's p., 1681-1707; m. Mary (d. 1681), dau. of William Wallis, of Barton Regis, 2 Dec. 1680; their dau. Hannah (b. 1681), m. James Timbrell, 1714.

COTTEN (Cotton), Arthur (c. 1620-1708), of Plymouth (*EQL*.)

COTTERELL, Samuel (d. 1680), blacksmith; of Bedminster, 1671-80; sufferer, 1664; m. Martha (d. 1671); proposing marriage in Frenchay meeting, 1672; dau. Martha m. Jonathan Kidwelly, 1702.

COWLING, John (d. 1719?), of Brislington, 1676; of Castle Green, 1678-1719; m. Mary,

dau. of Theophilus Newton, 8 June 1676; 2 s. 2 dau. 1677-81; sided against William Rogers; sufferer, 1682-3.

COWLING, Mary (d. 1732?), dau. of Theophilus Newton; m. John Cowling of Brislington, 8 June 1676; sufferer, 1682. Probably the same as Mary Cowley, widow, of the Out parish of Philip & Jacob, d. 1732.

COX, John (d. 1714?). Not identified. Persons of this name in Wine Street, and in the Shambles, 1666. One John Cox m. Elizabeth Morgan (d. 1682), 10 Nov. 1665; sufferer, 1664, 1682-3; included in the mandamus for the freedom of the city, 1688.

COYSGARNE (Coysgearne), Sampson (d. 1711), merchant; of Castle Precincts, 1677-83; of James p. 1685, 1711; m. (1) Mary (d. 1682); 3 s. 3 dau.; m. (2) Sarah (d. 1716), dau. of William Cook, grocer, 9 Sept. 1686; sufferer, 1683; in the royal mandamus to receive the freedom of the city, 1688; one of twelve Friends sending children to Patrick Logan's school, 1690; active in disciplinary work, 1686-99, and in Workhouse administration; inhabitants of Michael's p., 1696 "Sampson Crosgrannett" and wife Sarah (B.R.S. xxv. 125).

CRAPON (Craven), William (d. 1721), of Peter's p., 1677-83; of Castle Precincts, 1696-1721; m. (1) Elizabeth Cock (d. 1676?), widow, 15 Nov. 1674; 1 dau.; m. (2) Bridget (d. 1683), dau. of David Jones of Brecknock, 6 Jan. 1679; 1 s. 1 dau.; m. (3) Priscilla Day (d. 1703), 1 Nov. 1688; inhabitants of the Castle, 1696 "William Craffen" and wife Priscilla, son William (B.R.S. xxv. 16).

CREW, John, weaver, of Bedminster; m. (1) Mary (1656-87) dau. of Henry and Judith Comby of Bedminster, 25 Nov. 1683; m. (2) Sarah Osburne of Bedminster, 18 Apr. 1688; sufferer, 1682; contrition for tavern brawling, 1691; repaid for clothing Edward Payne's child, 1696. One John Crew d. 1710; another d. 1720.

CRISP, Stephen (c. 1628-1692) of Colchester. (*DNB*; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 485-6.)

CROCKER, Bartholomew, silkweaver, of Philip's p.; sufferer, 1664-5; sentenced to banishment to Barbados (B.A.O., 04447(1), f. 67, 67v).

CRUMP, John, of Barton Regis; m. Christian; 1 s. (1655) 1 dau. (1659); sufferer, 1664.

CUMBERBATCH, John, of Broadmead, 1669; of Merchant Street, 1681; went with Morford to the mayor, 1655; presented at sessions for

not repairing the street, and for keeping inmates, 1669, 1681; sufferer 1670; his grandson, of the same name, d. at his house, 1679; 2 muskets and sword seized at his house, 1684 (*Trans. B.G.A.S.* 2 (1878), 106.)

CURTIS, Ann (1631—c. 1703), dau. of Robert and Ann Yeamans (bapt. Christchurch); m. (All Saints) Thomas Curtis of Reading, woollendraper, 1651. (*B.Q.* 395; *EQL*; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 385; *S.P.Q.* 472.)

DANDO, John (d. 1699) of Hallatrow; m. (1) Jane (d. 1659); m. (2) Anne Raymond (d. 1699), 4 June 1672; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669. (*FPT*; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* i. 443.)

DANIELL, Edward (d. 1730), cooper, of James p.; m. Sarah Bishop (d. 1728) of Bristol, 31 Dec. 1671; sufferer, 1664; inhabitants of James p. 1696, "Edward Daniell & Sarah" (B.R.S. xxv. 54); another Edward Daniell, of James p., d. 1690.

DANIELL, Judith, of Keynsham. Probably Judith, wife of Tobias Daniel of Keynsham, 1 s. 3 dau. 1658-63; perhaps the "widow Daniel & Judith ch." inhabiting Redcliffe p., 1696 (B.R.S. xxv. 113).

DAUNCE (Dancy), Aquilla (d. 1688), of Bedminster; of Bishport; m. Elizabeth; 2 dau. His dau. Elizabeth m. William Smart, 1680.

DAUNCE, Elizabeth; m. Aquilla Daunce. Friends of this name d. 1705, 1717.

DAVID, Miles (d. 1685, prisoner in Newgate), tailor, of Redcliffe p., m. Elizabeth Moore (d. 1712, Redcliffe p.; sufferer 1682-3), 15 Mar. 1680; 1 s. 1 dau.; sufferer, 1682-5; received 10s. distributed to poor sufferers (Friends House Library, Dix G.8.B).

DAVIS, Joan, mother of Samuel. Perhaps the same as Joan Davis, widow, of Castle Precincts, d. 1711; if so, she was assessed at £50 per annum in 1696, resident in the Castle (B.R.S. xxv. 14).

DAVIS, William, anchorsmith; on disciplinary appointments, 1680; possibly the William Davis (wife Mary) to whom 1 s. 3 dau. were born 1674-81, near Alderskey (On the Key), Stephen's p.; sufferer, 1664, 1682; disorderly behaviour in meetings for worship, 1674-81.

DAVIS, William, weaver; "Over the Bridge" Friends made enquiry into the necessities of him and wife, 1690; possibly son of William Davis "an Antient Friend" of Redcliffe Street, d. 1675; possibly the William Davis (d. 1699) and wife (d. 1697), of Temple p.;

one William Davis m. (1) Mary Perrin (d. 1671) widow, 16 Mar. 1669; m. (2) Jane Gerrard or Garrett (d. 1675), 16 Feb. 1674; m. (3) Hannah Jefferies, 13 May 1678 [Hannah may be the same as Hannah Pitt, who m. Thomas Jefery (d. 1669?), 1668]; one Hannah Davis, age 61, was prisoner in Bridewell, 1682, having been taken from a meeting at the Friars, 28 May. (These three may all be marriages of the same William Davis.) Inhabitants of Temple p. 1696, "William Daviss, Hannah wf., Jeremiah s." (B.R.S. xxv. 248.)

DAWSON, William (d. 1702), glover; lastly of Redland, Westbury p.; m. Mary (d. 1701); 3 s. 2 dau.; sided with William Rogers; sufferer, 1682-84.

DAY, Nathaniel (d. 1691), hosier; of Bristol Bridge, 1690; of Castle Precincts, 1691; m. Anne (d. 1717, of James p.; sufferer, 1664, 1682-3; inhabitant of the Castle, 1696, B.R.S. xxv. 9); 3 s. 2 dau.; sufferer, 1663-4, 1670, 1679, 1683; nominated for election to the Common Council, 1686; sided with William Rogers. (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 102.)

DAY, Sir Thomas (d. 1710), mayor 1688, 1694-5; senior alderman 1702-10; M.P. 1695-1701; to be given a copy of J. Wyeth, *Swiich for the Snake*, 1699. Not a Friend.

DEDICOT, Henry (d. 1698), currier; of Wine Street, 1678; of Peter's p., 1681; of John's p., 1698; m. Mary (d. 1673, sufferer 1664); sufferer 1664, 1681-3; on disciplinary appointments, 1673-89; inhabitant of Peter's p., 1696, "Henry Diddicott" (B.R.S. xxv. 161).

DEDICOT, William, of Wine Street, Peter's p., 1678; of Castle Green, 1681-96; m. Mary Wickham (d. 1715; as a widow, 1696, she cleared James Gayner of marriage claim), 1677; 2 s. 1 dau.; sufferer, 1682-5; in royal mandamus for the freedom of the city, 1688 (B.A.O., 04264(8), f. 21).

DENHAM, Thomas (d. 1696), shoemaker, of Philip's p.; son of Barnett Denham, of Glastonbury, miller; m. Rebecca Wadham (d. 1698, having m. Samuel Cloud, 1697), 4 Apr. 1686; sufferer, 1683-6; willing to accept an apprentice, 1693. The name appears in A. C. Myers, *Quaker arrivals at Philadelphia*, 76.

DICKINSON (Dickerson), Ann, formerly Blacklock; m. (1) — Blacklock (their dau. m. Joseph Matthews, 1679); m. (2) Lemon Dickinson (d. 1708). Probably it was the widow of Lemon Dickinson who was buried, Ann Dickenson, of Philip's p., d. 1715.

DICKINSON, Lemon (d. 1708), of Philip's p.; m. Ann Blacklock, widow (d. 1715?); 2 s. 2 dau.; sufferer, 1664, 1671, 1681-2; inhabitants of Philip's p., 1696, "Lemmon Dickenson and Ann wf., Elizabeth & Henry ch." (B.R.S. xxv. 173.)

DIXON (Dickson), Joan (d. 1707); m. Miles Dixon (d. 1672); of Castle Precincts; sufferer, 1664, 1681-3; active in the Women's meeting, 1670-84; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669; subscribed £25 to the Pennsylvania Free Society of Traders, 1682. One Joan Dixon, widow, inhabitant of Augustine's p., 1696, another Joan Dixon, assessed at £600, resident in Thomas p. (B.R.S. xxv. 40, 206).

DIXON, Miles (d. 1672), soapmaker; "an Antient Friend"; m. Joan (d. 1707); 5 s. 4 dau., from 1660; sufferer, 1663-4; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669.

DIXON (Dickson), Thomas (d. 1733), linen-draper, 1686, *later* mercer; of Trinity p., 1690; of Wine Street, 1690, 1696; of Philip's p., 1696, 1698; of Old Market, 1705; m. (1) Sarah Bennett (d. 1690), dau. of Robert Bennett, late of Brislington, 1 Apr. 1686; 1 dau. 1690; m. (2) Sarah Reynolds, 1696; 10 s. 1 dau. 1697-1709; sufferer, 1682; active on disciplinary appointments from 1691.

DOLE, Erasmus (d. 1717, aged 82), pewterer; of Thomas p. 1677-81; of Temple Street, 1686, 1689; of Clifton, 1717; m. (1) Joyce (d. 1675); 1 s. 3 dau. 1665-72; m. (2) Sarah Westcott (d. 1711), 1676; 3 s. 1 dau. 1677-86; freeman, 1660; sufferer, 1664, 1681-4; active on disciplinary appointments, 1669-81; took a declaration of allegiance at sessions, Apr. 1682; nominated for election to the Common Council, 1687; disowned for drunkenness, 1692, 1698; resident in Thomas p., 1696, "Erasmus Dole, 600 li. & Sarah wf., Rachell, Dorcas & Ann" [3 children] (B.R.S. xxv. 210).

DOLE, John (d. 1699), silkweaver, son of Thomas Dole; of Castle Street, 1678; of Thomas p., 1699; m. Dorcas (sufferer, 1664-5, 1682-5; d. 1717, in Thomas p.), dau. of John Knight of Melksham, 1 Sept. 1667; 4 s. 1 dau. 1668-78; sufferer, 1664, 1680-5; sending scholars to Patrick Logan's school, 1690. Perhaps the same as the John Dole, wife Dorcas, and dau. Dorcas, residents in Philip's p., 1696 (B.R.S. xxv. 167). John Dole, shoemaker, going to Pennsylvania, received certificate, 20 Aug. 1683.

Dorcas Dole was harshly treated for praying and preaching in prison; she wrote letters to the magistrates and to the children

who kept up the meetings in Bristol when the adult members were in prison.

DOLE, Rowland, sufferer, 1664.

DOLE, Tobias, of Barton Regis, shoemaker, cordwainer, 1683; m. (1) Sarah (d. 1678); dau. Peace, d. 1671; m. (2) Eleanor (Davis) Westbury (d. 1715), 11 Mar. 1683; sufferer, 1664, 1681-2. Friends of this name, of Philip's p., d. 1703 and 1718.

DOLEING (Dollen), James (d. 1694), of Michael's p.; m. Susanna (d. 1708, James p.).

DOWELL, Elizabeth (d. 1702), of James p.; widow, 1681; perhaps widow of John Dowell, senior, d. 1676; sufferer, 1664, 1681-3; active in the Women's meeting; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669; was testified against for allowing her daughter's marriage, 1691; gave legacy to Workhouse, £10; inhabitant of James p., 1696, "Elizabeth Dowell 600 li." (B.R.S. xxv. 64.)

DOWELL, John (d. 1676), whittawer; of Broadmead; at Bath, with Nicholas Jordan, 1655 (Morford, *Cry of oppression*, 18); sufferer, 1664; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669.

DREW, Dorcas (d. 1704, of Castle Precincts); m. (1) John Drew (d. 1680) of Castle Street, carpenter; 4 s. 3 dau. 1665-75; m. (2) John Collins (d. 1698), cooper, 22 Apr. 1683; inhabitants of the Castle, 1696, "John Collins & Darcas wf." (B.R.S. xxv. 7.)

DREW, Joseph. Perhaps the inhabitant of St James's Back, 1696, with wife Frances, and children Thomas, Samuel, Frances and Sarah (B.R.S. xxv. 72).

EDWARDS, Daniel (d. 1675, buried at Kings-weston), shoemaker, son of Thomas Edwards, of Horfield; m. Joan, dau. of William Ford, late of Alveston, 6 Dec. 1668; 2 s. Daniel, b. in Maryport Street, 1669, and Thomas, b. 1674.

One Daniel Edwards cordwainer, Maryport p., d. 1706 (Daniel Edwards, bachelor, inhabitant of Maryport p., 1696, B.R.S. xxv. 103).

EDWARDS, Edward (d. 1706). (*FPT*; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* i. 448.)

EDWARDS, Joseph (d. 1712), son of Mary Edwards, widow; inhabitants of Philip's p., 1696, "Joseph Edwards & Mary wf., Mary, Elizabeth & Joseph" children (B.R.S. xxv. 173).

EDWARDS, Mary (d. 1695), of Philip's p.

ERBURY, Edward, soapboiler; of Lewin's Mead, 1666; of Castle Street, 1668, 1670; of Broad Street, 1673, 1675; of John's p., 1681; m. Mary (widow Erbury, of John's p., d. 1686); 3 s. 4 dau. 1663-76; one son, Edward, b. at Cork, 1664; refused contribution to the militia, 1661; sufferer, 1680-3; sided with William Rogers.

FAINT, Henry (d. 1680), of Philip's p.; of Barton Regis; m. Elizabeth; 1 s. 1 dau. Elizabeth Faint, widow, of Barton Regis, m. John Pinkard of Keynsham, 17 June 1691. She was buried in Bristol, 1693.

FARMER, Joan; sufferer, 1664.

FELL, Margaret (1614-1702), *née* Askew; m. (1) Thomas Fell (d. 1658); m. (2) George Fox (1624-91), in Bristol, 27 Oct. 1669. (*DNB*; *EQL*; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* i. 407; I. Ross, *Margaret Fell*, 1949.)

FLETCHER, Joseph, of Leonard's p., 1663; m. Jane; 2 dau.

FORD, Elizabeth, daughter of Katherine Hanbury; disowned for marriage out, 1673. There are three John and Elizabeth Fords listed among the inhabitants of Bristol, 1696, in Thomas p., Maryport p. and Philip's p. (B.R.S. xxv. 104, 170, 215).

FORD, William (d. 1709), sergeweaver, sergemaker, of Temple p., 1670; of John's p., 1703; of Stephen's p., 1709; m. (1) Mary (d. 1685); 2 s. 3 dau. 1663 onwards; m. (2) Thomasine Gossage (d. 1703), 19 May 1692; sufferer, 1655, 1664, 1670, 1675; treasurer, 1669-74; active in disciplinary work, 1668-79; sided with William Rogers; signed the Bristol letter to Reading Friends appealing to them to heal their differences, 1687; requested to bring the burial ground deeds to the Men's meeting, 1697; inhabitants of Leonard's p. 1696 "William Ford & Tomson wf." (B.R.S. xxv. 101.)

FOSTER, John; m. Elizabeth Drady, 1668; disowned for going to the Baptists, 1669. (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 5 (1908), 2; *S.P.Q.* 259.)

FOSTER, Thomas, of London; m. Dorothy (Fisher) Weale, 11 Nov. 1674 at Bristol.

FOX, George (1624-91); m. Margaret (Askew) Fell, 27 Oct. 1669 (for signatories to the marriage certificate, see *Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 99-105). (*DNB*; *FPT*; Fox, *Camb. Jnl. & Short Jnl.*)

FREEMAN, James, apothecary, son of James Freeman of Bristol; of Wine Street, 1678-91; of John's p., 1693, 1696; of Broad Street,

1694-98; m. Mary, dau. of Thomas North, 12 May 1675; 5 s. 5 dau. 1677-98; sufferer, 1681, 1683; musket and sword seized from his house, 1684; elected to the Common Council, and fined £50 for refusing the oaths, 1686; subscribed £20 security for Workhouse capital, 1696; Corporation of the Poor, guardian for Trinity ward, 1696; overseer of Barbara Blagdon's will, 1702; removed to Stoke Newington, London, 1708. (B.R.S. xxv. 87.)

FRY, Frances, widow, 1683; sufferer, 1683.

FRY, James (d. 1692), grocer; of Wine Street, 1674, 1679, 1681; of Trinity p., 1681; of Maryport p., 1684; of Peter's p., 1692; m. Mary (d. 1684); 4 s. 1 dau. 1678-81; Common Council ordered that his shop be shut up, as he was not a freeman, 1674; opened shop on Christmas Day 1678.

FRY, William (d. 1668), shoemaker; of Maryport Street, 1654-68; m. Sarah (d. 1688), dau. of William Ford, of Alveston; 2 s. 3 dau. 1655-68; sufferer, 1664, 1665; sentenced to transportation, 1665.

FRY, William, of Temple p., 1678, 1680; of Water Lane, Temple p., 1680; m. Thomasine Harrington; 1 s 2 dau., up to 1680.

GALE, Andrew, soapboiler; of Wine Street, 1669; of Castle Street, 1670-76; m. Ann [Long?]; 4 s. 1 dau. 1669-76; freeman, 19 Sept. 1666; his proposed marriage to Ann Long was stopped by the Men's meeting, 1668; admonished for marriage in church, 1669, 1672; reported quarrels with his wife, 1678-9.

GANNECLIFF, Ann (d. 1673) "an Antient Friend", of Lawford's Gate; m. Nicholas Ganniccliffe (d. 1662) shoemaker, of Lawford's Gate; sufferer, 1655; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669. (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 104; *B.Q.* 245.)

GANNECLIFF (Ganneclift), John (d. 1701, aged 80), cordwainer, of Exeter; collection for a Devon fire loss remitted to him, 1681. (A. Brockett, *Nonconformity in Exeter*, 1962, 16.)

GAYNER (Gaynerd, Gaynor, Gainer), James (d. 1705), tailor; son of William Gayner, of Clevedon, husbandman; of Philip's p., 1691; of Castle Precincts, 1696-1702; m. (1) Deborah (1661 or 1662-1691), dau. of Israel Moggs, 7 Oct. 1686; 1 s.; m. (2) Esther (d. 1702), dau. of Hugh Hobhouse, 16 Apr. 1696; 4 ch. 1697-1700; sufferer, 1682-3; in the royal mandamus for the freedom of the city, 1688 (B.A.O., 04264(8), f. 21); inhabi-

tants of the Castle, 1696 "James Gayner & Hester wf., William" [servant] (B.R.S. xxv. 8).

GIBBONS, Daniel (d. 1689, of Thomas p.), son of John and Elizabeth Gibbons (both d. 1666, and buried in their garden), of Barton Regis; smith, farrier; m. Sarah (d. 1695), dau. of William Davis, 27 Dec. 1667; sufferer, 1664, 1670, 1682-3; in the royal mandamus for the freedom of the city, 1688.

GIBBONS, James (d. 1704), shoemaker; of Barton Regis, 1682; of Philip's p., 1700, 1704; m. Rebecca Sifford (d. 1700), 1674; 2 dau. 1675, 1682.

GIBBONS, Robert (d. 1703), blacksmith & farrier; of Barton Regis; m. (1) Ann Mitchell ("Died [1682] a prisoner in Bridewell"), 27 Nov. 1660; 2 s. 1 dau.; m. (2) Susannah (sufferer 1682), dau. of Edmond Oatley, 6 Oct. 1686; sufferer, 1664, 1682. Susanna Gibbons, of Barton Regis, widow, m. Thomas Dunn (d. 1730), of Barton Regis, last maker, 20 Oct. 1715; she died 1729.

GIBBONS, Samuel (d. 1702), of Castle Precincts; m. Hannah, dau. of James Wall, of Evesham, 19 Jan. 1674; 3 s. 6 dau. 1674-95; sending children to Patrick Logan's school, 1690.

GIBBS, Thomas (d. 1704), of James p.; m. Mary (d. 1677); inhabitants of James p., 1696 "Thomas Gibbs & Katharine wf., Matthew & Thomas ch." (B.R.S. xxv. 59.)

GIBSON, William (c. 1629—c. 1684), of London, formerly of Lancashire. (*EQL*; Whiting, *Persecution expos'd*, 120-1.)

GILES, William, of London; m. Constance Cox, 1685? They were formerly servants of Robert Gibbons; Constance Cox, sufferer, 1682.

GILSON, Jane, formerly Fletcher; m. (1) Joseph Fletcher; m. (2) Joel Gilson (d. 1694) of Barton Regis, 18 Dec. 1670; removal certificate to Pennsylvania, 1697.

GILSON, Joel (d. 1694), of Barton Regis, 1670, 1674; without Lawford's Gate, 1677; of Philip's p. 1694; m. Jane Fletcher, 18 Dec. 1670.

GODBY, William (d. 1699), of Philip's p.; m. Susanna (d. 1695, Michael's p., sufferer 1664, 1682); sufferer 1664.

GODFREY, Robert, schoolmaster. Perhaps the same man, fined 20s. for not attending sessions, 1686 (B.A.O., 04448); inhabitants of

the Castle, 1696 "Robert Godfrey & Martha wf., Robert, Thomas & Martha ch." (B.R.S. xxv. 5.)

GODSELL, John of Charleville (Ráthluirc), co. Cork; m. Jane Hazard, 15 July 1670.

GOLDNEY (Gouldney), Mary, formerly Boulton (d. 1709); cousin of Sir John Knight 1613-83; m. Thomas Goldney (1620—c. 1694); active in the Women's meeting, 1671-82; sufferer, 1664, 1682; testimony to the Fox/Fell marriage (Friends House Library, Portfolio 10, 53); inhabitant of the Castle, 1696, "Mary Goldney wd." (B.R.S. xxv. 15). (*EQL*; *Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 103.)

GOLDNEY (Gouldney), Thomas (1620—c. 1694), grocer; of High Street, Nicholas p., 1659-77; of Castle Precincts, 1694; m. Mary Boulton; ch. b. 1659-66; purchases in the Castle, after 1656; at Banbury, 1655 (A. Audland, *Saints testimony*, 1655, p. 40); sufferer 1663-5, 1670, 1681-4; declined election to the Common Council, 1685. (*FPT*; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* i. 461.)

GOODAYRE (Goodaire), Thomas (d. 1693). (*EQL*; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* i. 399.)

GOODHIND, Thomas, of Saltford; m. Hannah (d. 1667); ch. b. 1655-63.

GOTLEY, Joan (d. 1684, widow), of Philip's p.; m. John Gotley; sufferer, 1683.

GOTLEY, Richard (d. 1705), son of John and Joan Gotley; of Castle Street, 1680; of the Castle, 1680-94; of Philip's p., 1705; m. (1) Hester Hollister (d. 1678), 12 Dec. 1670; dau. Hester; m. (2) Rachel (d. 1705), dau. of James Doleing, 5 Nov. 1679; 3 s. 2 dau. 1680-94; sufferer, 1664; under dealing for misbehaviour, 1674-79; land purchase in the Castle, 1686; shipping activities, 1690-94 (*Cal. Treasury Bks.* ix 840; x. 579, 621); raised 47 men for king's service, 1692 (*Acts of the Privy Council, Colonial* ii. 169); Castle inhabitant, 1696, assessed at £600 (B.R.S. xxv. 9). (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 10 (1913), 42-43.)

GOUGH, George (d. 1685), of Castle Precincts; sufferer, 1663-64, 1681-2; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669. (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 103.)

GRAVES, Sarah (d. 1682), of Trinity p.

GRAVETT, William, of Exeter; m. Martha Fry (sufferer, 1682), 5 Mar. 1684; certificate of publication of the marriage recorded in *Jnl. F.H.S.* 2 (1905), 15n.

GREGORY, John (d. 1716) scribe; of Thomas p., 1680; of Castle Precincts, 1716; m. (1) Elizabeth (d. 1680); m. (2) Lydia (who signed the Penn/Callowhill marriage certificate 1696; d. 1731); under dealing for marriage by the priest, 1669; arbitrator in a dispute, 1675; sufferer, 1683; Castle inhabitants, 1696 "John Gregory gent., Lydia wf., Elizabeth Gregory kinswoman, who m. David Paskin, 1704]" (B.R.S. xxv. 10).

GRIFFITH, Daniel (d. 1688), grocer; of Thomas Street, 1683-88; m. Abigail, dau. of Arthur Bewes, of Haverfordwest, 14 Jan. 1683; 2 s. 3 dau. 1683-89.

GRIFFITH(S) (Griffin), Richard (d. 1702, Philip's p.), smith; of Barton Regis; son of Hook Griffith, of Kingswinford, Staffs.; m. Joan Pearce of Barton Regis, dau. of John Pearce of Bitton, 16 Apr. 1671; 4 s. 1673-81; sufferer, 1684.

HACKETT, Edward (d. 1721) grocer; son of Thomas Hackett of Worcester; of Maryport Street, 1680, 1682, 1686, 1694; of Peter's p., 1696, 1699; m. Lydia (d. 1725, of James p.) dau. of Daniel Hollister of Westerleigh, and servant to Dennis Hollister before her marriage, 22 Mar. 1675; 6 ch. 1676-86; apprenticed to Thomas Jordan; freeman, 1675; sufferer, 1682; arbitrator in a dispute, 1687; Corporation of the Poor, 1696-99; member of the Society for the Reformation of Manners, 1700; engaged in some disciplinary activity, from 1682; inhabitants in Peter's p., 1696 "Edward Hackett, Lydia wf., Lydia [b. 1680; m. Thomas Pocock of Reading 1701] & Sarah [b. 1686; m. Henry Parker, 1708] d., Thomas [b. 1677] s." (B.R.S. xxv. 164).

HAGGATT (Haggett), John, esquire; of Trinity p., 1671; m. Elizabeth Yeamans (Christchurch, 21 Jan. 1637); related to George Bishop; governor of the Castle, 1649; colonel of the city militia; nominee for deputy recordership, 1653; judge on the South Wales circuit, 1653-60; parliamentary candidate, 1654; removed from stewardship of the Tolzey court, 1662; surety for the appearance of Thomas Speed, Charles Jones and William Taylor at the approaching sessions, 19 Apr. 1664; his kinswoman reported to be marrying out, 1669. Not a Friend. (*CSPD* 1649/50, 1651; *EQL* 362; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* i. 439. For Elizabeth, see *Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 203.)

HAGGATT (Haggett), Nathaniel; unsuccessful candidate for town clerkship, 1676; steward of the sheriff's court, 1690-1700; had in hand Peniel Haggett's legacy of £20 for the poor, 1676; promised payment of the £200 fine to release Thomas Speed from membership of

the Common Council, 1685; inhabitant in Christchurch p., 1696, "Nathaniell Hackett esq." (B.R.S. xxv. 23). Not a Friend.

HAINES, John. Perhaps the inhabitants of the Castle, 1696, "John Haynes & Mary wf., Mary, Jane & John ch." (B.R.S. xxv. 12.)

HALE (Heale), John (d. 1710, at Chew Magna), baker, of Peter's p., 1653, 1655, 1681; of Wine Street, 1661; of Chew Magna, 1710; m. Margaret (d. 1683); 1 s. 2 dau.; sufferer, 1664, 1681-3; on disciplinary appointments, 1678, 1689; fined for opening his shop on 30 Jan. 1679; in royal mandate for the freedom of the city, 1688.

HALE (Heale), Margaret (d. in Newgate, 1683); m. John Hale; active in the Women's meeting, 1670-1; sufferer 1682-3. (Whiting, *Persecution expos'd*, 78, 79.)

HANBURY, Richard (1647-1714); m. Katharine Ford. (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 14 (1917), 57-8, 84-94; see Friends House Library, Dix G.7.B.)

HARDIMAN, John (d. 1704), tailor, of James p.; m. Frances (sufferer 1683; d. 1706); 7 ch., 1656 onwards; sufferer, 1664, 1682-3; signatory of the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669; dispute with his son, 1687; Castle inhabitants, 1696 "John Hardiman senior & Frances wf." (B.R.S. xxv. 11); allowed to inhabit a room in the meeting house, and to receive Friends' relief, 1702.

HARDIMAN, John (1656-1698), tailor, of Castle Precincts, 1698; son of John and Frances Hardiman; m. Sarah (sufferer 1682-3) dau. of John and Mary Saunders, 5 Mar. 1682; dispute with his father, 1687; Castle inhabitants, 1696 "John Hardiman junior & Sarah wf." (B.R.S. xxv. 11.)

HARFORD, Charles (1631-1709), soapmaker; merchant, 1697; of Peter's p., 1666, 1681; of Philip's p., 1690-1709; m. (1) Mary Busshe (sufferer, 1664), 22 Mar. 1656, at St Peter's; 4 s. 2 dau. 1658-67; m. (2) Elizabeth Cox (sufferer, 1682-3; d. 1706), 16 Apr. 1671; kept open shop on Christmas Day 1661; sufferer, 1664, 1679, 1682-7; active on disciplinary appointments from 1672; nominee for election to the Common Council, 1686; compounded for £157 in tobacco customs frauds, 1691 (*Cal. Treasury Bks.* ix. 1394); member of the Corporation of the Poor, and treasurer for one year; member of the Society for the Reformation of Manners, 1700. (B.R.S. xxv. 173; A. Harford, *Annals of the Harford family*, 1909.)

HARFORD, Charles, junior (1662-1725), mercer, 1698; merchant, 1700-20; of Castle

Green; m. Rachel (d. 1722), dau. of John Truman of Westerleigh, 4 Oct. 1686 (Frenchay monthly meeting); 2 s. 3 dau.; sufferer, 1682; compounded for £9 in tobacco customs frauds, 1691 (*Cal. Treasury Bks.* ix. 1394); lodged Sir John Rodes at his house, 1694 (*Quaker post-bag*. Ed. Locker Lampson, 1910, p. 8); active on Workhouse and disciplinary appointments from 1697; Christchurch parish residents, 1696, "Charles Harford, Rachell wf." (B.R.S. xxv. 21.)

HARFORD, Thomas, soapmaker, of Marshfield, 1680; later of Bristol, of Peter's p., 1689; of Maryport p., 1692, 1696; m. Martha, dau. of Thomas Butler, 18 May 1688; 3 s. 2 dau. 1689-1704; began soap-making in Halliers Lane, 1680; in the royal mandamus for the freedom of the city, 1688 (B.A.O., 04264(8), f. 21); his wife, Martha, under Friends' censure for visiting the Playhouse, 1699. (B.R.S. xxv. 102.)

HARRIS, Ann(e) (d. 1700), widow 1683, 1700; of Philip's p., 1700; perhaps wife of Edward Harris [widow of Edward Harris, 1684, mother of Anne (Harris) James], or of John Harris, brewer; sufferer, 1683; boarding Samuel Langford, 1693; residents of Philip's p., 1696 "Ann Harris & Mary Landford" (B.R.S. xxv. 174); there also appears "Ann Harris wd." in Peter's p. (B.R.S. xxv. 155).

HARRIS, Charles, of Buckinghamshire. (Fox, *Short Jnl.* 353.)

HARRIS, Sarah. Perhaps the same as the inhabitant of Thomas p., 1696 "Sarah Harriss wd." (B.R.S. xxv. 216.)

HARRIS, Thomas (d. 1698), apothecary; of Maryport Street, 1686, 1688; of Peter's p., 1689; m. Phoebe (d. 1701, of James p.), dau. of Dennis Hollister, 8 Dec. 1683; 2 s. 1 dau., 1685-88; elected to the Common Council 1686; Phoebe Harris signed the Penn/Callowhill marriage certificate, 1696; daughter Phoebe m. Brice Webb, 1706. (Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 384.) See also next entry.

HARRIS, Thomas (d. 1712, of Philip's p., aged 55), surgeon; son of Sarah Harris; m. Philipia (Sheward) Pounset, of Barton Regis, widow, 12 Apr. 1680; 3 dau. 1681-85. One Philipia Harris, of Philip's p., d. 1705. See entry above.

HARRIS, William (d. 1699), of Augustine's p. Inhabitants of Augustine's p., 1696, "William Harris & Ann wf., Mary Sansbury, ch." (B.R.S. xxv. 36.)

HAWES, George, merchant; m. Deborah

(Pyott) Withers, 16 Nov. 1676; Maryland Friends report receiving books taken over on the *Society* by him, 1674 (B.A.O., SF/C1/1(a), 109); inhabitants of All Saints, 1696 "Mrs Deborah Haws" (B.R.S. xxv. 2). (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 105.)

HAWKINS, Peter, of Wine Street, 1666; of Trinity p., 1676; m. Martha; 2 s. 1663-4; selling ale without licence, against Friends' wishes (B.A.O., 04452(1)). In 1696 one Peter Hawkins, with wife Frances, inhabitant of James p. (Kingstreet?) (B.R.S. xxv. 77).

HEATHCOTT (Heathcote, Hethcote), Thomas (d. 1683), schoolmaster; of Thomas p., 1681; of Castle Precincts, 1683; m. Jane Weale (sufferer 1664, d. 1689, of Philip's p.), 1668; 3 dau.; sufferer, 1681-3.

HEMMING, Isaac, merchant, of London; m. Mehetabel, dau. of Thomas Speed, 7 Sept. 1671.

HERNE (Hearne), John (d. 1698), silkweaver; son of John Herne of Wilts; of Bedminster, 1665, 1666; of Redcliffe Street, 1667-72; of Redcliffe p., 1694, 1698; m. Eleanor (d. 1694) dau. of Roger Arrel, of Pembroke, 21 Feb. 1665; 3 s. 3 dau. 1667-76; daughters Patience (age 11) and Mary (age 9) were among the prisoners in Bridewell, Nov. 1682; sufferer, 1664, 1681-3; inhabitants of Redcliffe p. [Redcliffe Street?] 1696, "John Hearn & Mary" child (B.R.S. xxv. 118).

HIGGINBOTTOM, John (d. 1681), of Bedminster.

HIGGINBOTTOM, Philip (d. 1704), milliner, of Bedminster; m. Katharine (Phillips) Lewis (sufferer, 1682, d. 1703), 16 Mar. 1673.

HIGGINS, John, distiller; of Baldwin Street, Nicholas p., 1682-88; m. Martha Pierce, of Ware, 1681; 2 s. 2 dau. 1682-88. Another John Higgins, tailor (freeman 1666); some disciplinary activity 1671-77; sided against William Rogers. Inhabitants of Philip's p., 1696, "Martha Higgins; Sarah & John" children (B.R.S. xxv. 168). (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 4 (1907), 121.)

HIGNELL, Jeremiah (d. 1703), cooper, of Temple p.; m. Alice (d. 1690); 3 s. 1 dau. 1657-75; sufferer, 1655, 1663-4, 1670, 1682-3; testimony at George Fox's marriage, 1669 (Friends House Library, Portfolio 30, 65); received grant for poor sufferers, 1682 (Friends House Library, Dix G.8.B); on disciplinary appointments, 1671-91. Temperance Hignell, sister of Jeremiah, d. 1655, after imprisonment for disturbing the minister at Temple church. Inhabitants, Temple

p., 1696, "Jeremiah Hignell, Hannah d." (B.R.S. xxv. 234). (*Jnl. F.H.S.*, 9 (1912), 103.)

HILEY, John (d. 1680), whittawer; of Broad Weir, Peter's p.; m. Elizabeth; 5 s. 2 dau. 1668-78.

HILEY, Peter (d. 1675), whittawer; of Broad Weir, Peter's p.; m. Joan Yeamans (sufferer 1664, 1682; d. 1687, Castle Precincts); dau. Rachel (b. 1662), dau. Joan (m. Thomas Pearce, 1670); churchwarden at Peter's church, 1654; his apprentice, John Woring, spoke to the minister at Philip's church, 1654; George Fox at the house, 1662, 1678; Common Councillor, 1668 (B.A.O., 04264 CCP 1659-75, p. 179).

Joan Hiley lived at the Broad Weir up to 1681; she supported the proposals for separate women's meetings for discipline, 1671. (Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 385 & *Short Jnl.* 262, 375; *Jnl. F.H.S.* 25 (1928), 14.)

HILL, Thomas; sufferer, 1682—prisoner in Newgate (Besse, *Sufferings* i. 67, a possible misreading of Kill.)

HILL, William (d. 1674), of Redcliffe p., m. Blanch (d. 1682). Sufferers of this name, 1664, 1680.

HINTON, James (d. 1682), tailor; late of Painswick, 1678; of Barton Regis, 1679; m. Mary Cox, 25 July 1678; s. John b. 1679.

HISCOX, Joseph, cooper; son of William Hiscox; of Thomas p. 1682; of Castle Street, 1683 onwards; m. Mary (d. 1711), dau. of Robert North, blacksmith, deceased, 21 Oct. 1680; 7 s. 1 dau. 1682-95. Residents in the Castle, 1696, Mary Hiscox; Robert, Joseph, William & Thomas children (B.R.S. xxv, 19).

HODDS, Jane (d. 1682), dau. of Thomas Parsons of Portishead; m. Thomas Hodds, of Portishead.

HOLDER, Elinor (d. 1705); of Bishport in Bedminster, 1657; of Thomas p. 1705; received loan from Friends, 1668; m. Anthony Holder (d. 1668?) who was one of the first in Somerset to receive Friends (*FPT* 226, 227); there is a burial of one Anthony Holder (perhaps a son) recorded, 1663, at the Orchard; Anthony Holder senior appears to have been still alive in 1667.

HOLLARD, John; son of Roger Hollard; of Christmas Street, 1682, 1685; of John's p. 1687; m. Elizabeth, dau. of Joseph Owen, 9 Sept. 1681; 1 s. 2 dau. 1682-7. Elizabeth Hollard (d. 1717), widow, m. Philip Popleston, merchant (d. 1708), 19 Jan. 1699.

HOLLARD, Roger, mariner; of Michael's p. 1679, 1682; m. (1) Joan Hilsly (d. 1679); (2) Ann Nicholls, spinster, 18 Nov. 1680; 1 dau. 1682; sufferer, 1682.

HOLLISTER, Dennis (d. 1676), grocer, "an Antient Friend"; of High Street, 1654; of Maryport p. 1670, 1676; m. Bridget Popley (d. 1671); 1 s. 5 dau.; M.P. for Somerset, 1653; joined Friends, 1654; controversy with the Broadmead Church; signatories to the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669; Dennis Hollister the younger, d. 1675 (*Pennsylvania magazine of history*, 17 (1893), 66-69). (*DNB*; *EQL*; *FPT*; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 384; *Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 103, 189-98.)

HOLLISTER, John (d. 1690), of Castle Precincts; m. Joan (d. 1685).

HOLLISTER, Philip (d. 1691) shoemaker; of Philip's p.; of Barton Regis; m. Joan Webb (d. 1682), 20 Mar. 1660; 4 dau.

HOLLISTER, Samuel (d. 1696), grocer; son of William Hollister, of Westerleigh; of Wine Street, 1677-79, 1682, 1688; of Trinity p., 1681; of Brislington, 1696; m. Mary (sufferer, 1682-3), dau. of Henry West, late of Barton Regis, 1 Aug. 1669; 4 s. 3 dau. 1673-88; apprenticed to his uncle, Dennis Hollister; opened his uncle's shop on Christmas Day 1663; shop closed down for being open when he was not a freeman, 1674; freeman, 1676; sided with William Rogers; sufferer, 1681, 1683. Mary Hollister, widow, of Brislington, m. George White, 24 June 1703.

HOLLISTER, Thomas. Probably Thomas Hollister (d. 1681); son of William Hollister of Westerleigh; of Temple p., carpenter; m. Grace (d. 1685), dau. of John Hawkins, 14 July 1666; 4 s. 5 dau. 1667-82; sufferer 1670.

HOOKE, Ellis (c. 1630-1681), scrivener, of London. (Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 402, 454; *EQL*.)

HOPKINS, John (d. 1716; or possibly 1687 [of James p.], or 1709 [of Michael's Hill]); son of Thomas Hopkins, saltmaker; of Philip's p., 1684, 1686; m. Mary (d. 1687) dau. of William Wilton of Elberton, 18 Apr. 1681 (certificate in B.A.O., 1792(1)).

HOPKINS, Thomas (d. 1682), saltmaker, of James p.; m. Mary (d. 1689?); 3 s. 2 dau. 1658 onwards.

HORSINGTON, Mary, formerly Phillips (d. 1674); m. Charles Horsington, 13 June 1662 (sufferer 1664); Mary Horsington, widow, d. 1674. There was a Mary Horsington, widow, inhabiting King Street, James p., 1696 (B.R.S. xxv. 77).

HORT, John (d. 1688), currier, of Redcliffe p.; m. Brightweed or Brightwood (d. 1713, of Redcliffe p. She was active in the Women's meeting; sufferer, 1683; admonished for countenancing her son's irregular marriage, 1693); sufferer, 1670, 1681-3. Inhabitant in Peter's p., 1696, "Brightweed Hort" (B.R.S. xxv. 158). (*Trans. B.G.A.S.* 68 (1949), 139.)

HORWOOD, William, feltmaker; m. Elizabeth (d. 1693, of Castle Precincts?); s. Joseph d. 1669; dau. Elizabeth, m. Walton Short, 1681.

HOWELL, Joan. Marriage proposals with Thomas Morrice stopped, 1670; Jone Morris, wife of Thomas Morris, Thomas p., buried 1687.

HUFF, Michael, silkweaver; m. Joan Wheale, 7 July 1681; sufferer, 1682-3; received 10s. for poor sufferers (Friends House Library. Dix G.8.B); certificate to Pennsylvania, 20 Aug. 1683 (Dix G. 41).

HUNT, John (d. 1668), of Bedminster; m. Margaret; sufferer, 1664; Friends oversight for his family, 1668.

HURTALL (Hartnell), John, junior, merchant, son of John Hartnell (Hurtnell); of Maryport p., 1668; m. Mary Westfield (d. 1676), 9 or 10 Nov. 1675; sufferer 1681; inhabitant of Augustine's p. 1696, "John Hurtnell wdr." (B.R.S. xxv. 37.)

Mary (Westfield) Hurtnall (d. 1676) may be Mary, dau. of Daniel and Mary Westfield, b. 11 Aug. 1660; but perhaps Mary (Yeamans) Westfield, dau. of Robert Yeamans (d. 1643), and widow of Daniel Westfield, soapmaker, if so, see lease and release of the New Inn (Oct. 1675) by Mary Westfield, of the city of Bristol widow, sister and co-heir of William Yeamans (B.A.O., 00485(6, 7); she was a Fox/Fell marriage certificate signatory (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 104); see also B.A.O., SF/A7/4, f. 135.

ITHIELD (Ithell), William (d. 1697), of Thomas p.; m. Rebecca Cowling of Brislington (d. 1711, sufferer 1682), 10 Nov. 1673; 1 s. 1 dau. 1675-78; sufferer, 1678-80; on disciplinary appointments, 1672-96.

JAMES, Ann. Several of the name: (1) Anne, dau. of John Price, m. William James, 1665; (2) Ann James, formerly North, m. Benjamin James (*See below*); (3) Anne James (d. 1683) m. David James; she signed the Women's meeting's reply concerning the Widow Parsons, 1670; 5 ch. 1672 onwards; sufferer 1682; (4) Anne James, formerly Harris (d. 1689), m. Henry James, 1684. (*See below*).

JAMES, Benjamin (d. 1680), merchant; of Leonard's p., 1680; m. (1) Mary (d. 1671); 1 dau. (buried 1670); m. (2) Ann North (d. 1682?), widow, 9 or 19 May 1672.

JAMES, Henry (d. 1728), tailor; merchant tailor, 1724; s. of Henry and Elizabeth James of Painswick; of Philip's p., 1685, 1687; of Maryport p., 1688; of Nicholas p., 1692-1709; on the Back, 1695-96; m. (1) Anne (d. 1689; sufferer 1682-3), dau. of the late Edward Harris, 14 Aug. 1684; 1 s. 2 dau. 1685-88; m. (2) Susannah (d. 1709), dau. of Joseph Kippon (d. 1680), 25 Sept. 1690; 1 s. 4 dau. 1692-1701; sufferer 1682-3; in mandamus to receive the freedom of Bristol, 1688; dispute with Robert Gibbons, 1697; on disciplinary appointments from 1699; inhabitants of St Nicholas Back, 1696, Henry James, Susan James his wife, Hannah, Ruth, Ann, Elizabeth, John and Joseph, children (B.R.S. xxv. 139).

JAMES, John (d. 1702); tailor; of Barton Regis; m. Martha Wallis (sufferer 1682; d. 1715), of Barton Regis, 18 July 1681. Martha James, widow, m. Joseph Bennet (d. 1714), shoemaker, 18 Nov. 1703.

JAMES, Philip, cooper, of Temple p., 1678-80; m. (1) Elizabeth (d. 1680); 2 ch. 1678-9; m. (2) Sarah (sufferer 1682), dau. of Arthur Bewes of Haverfordwest, 5 or 25 Feb. 1683.

JAMES, William (d. 1702), pewterer; son of William James, late of Trusegrains [!], Mon.; of Maryport p., 1668; of High Street, 1671; of Castle Precincts, 1693, 1696, 1702; m. Anne (d. 1693), dau. of John Price, 8 or 28 Apr. 1665; 4 s. 2 dau. 1666 onwards; sufferer, 1664; sided with William Rogers; inhabitants of the Castle, 1696, William James, and Elizabeth, Ann and Hannah, children (B.R.S. xxv. 16).

JEFERY, Thomas (d. 1669?), of Nailsea; m. Hannah Pitt (sufferer 1664; d. 1684?), 1668.

JENKINS, Thomas; m. (1) Mary Champion, of Keynsham, 14 June 1663 (Somerset, North division); m. (2) Mary Elmes, 29 Nov. 1674 (Somerset, North division); inhabitants of Bristol, 1696, include Thomas Jenkins and wife Mary, children Ann and Mary, in James p., and Thomas Jenkins and wife Mary in Michael's p. (B.R.S. xxv. 52, 132).

JENNET, John, tailor; of Thomas Street, 1681; m. Bridget (sufferer, 1683); 1 dau.; sufferer 1664, 1682-3; dispute with Charles Bury, 1675; preparing to emigrate to Pennsylvania, 1683.

JENNINGS (Jenins), Rebecca (d. 1698); of Temple p., 1691; of Philip's p., 1696, 1698; m. William Jennings; sufferer, 1664; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 105); letter to Men's meeting, pleading for more charity, 1671; consent to marriage of her granddaughter Christobel Coale, 1692; inhabitants of Philip's p., 1696: "Ann Moggs, Rebecca Jennings" (B.R.S. xxv. 169).

JOHNS, John, pewterer; of Redcliffe p., 1708; m. Alice (sufferer 1683; d. 1708); at Bath with Thomas Morford, 1656 (Morford, *Cry of oppression*, 13); sufferer, 1664, 1683.

JONES, Charles (d. 1714); soapmaker, 1654-92; grocer, 1677; merchant, 1713; of Redcliffe Street, 1656, 1662; of Thomas p., 1681, 1696, 1712; m. Ann (active in the Women's meeting; sufferer 1682, 1686; d. 1712); 3 s. 5 dau. 1655-70; sufferer 1664, 1681-6; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669, and the Penn/Jones marriage certificate 1699; presented Friends' address to James II at Bath, 1687; concerned in the lease of the Hotwell, 1695; inhabitants of Thomas p. [probably Redcliffe Street], 1696, "Charles Jones & Ann wf., Mathias Jones b[achelor]" (B.R.S. xxv. 208). (Fox, *Short Jnl.*, 376.) It is not always easy to distinguish between Charles Jones senior and junior.

JONES, Charles (d. 1701), junior; son of Charles Jones; merchant; of the Castle; m. (1) Martha (d. 1688), dau. of John (d. 1672) Wathen, 21 or 31 Dec. 1674; 1 s. 3 dau. 1675-9; m. (2) Sarah Corsley (d. 1703), widow, 15 Aug. 1695; freeman, 1676; active on disciplinary appointments, 1676-1701; sufferer, 1682; elected to the Common Council, 1685 (B.A.O., 04264(7), f. 233); compounded for £270 in tobacco customs frauds (*Cal. Treas. Bks.* ix. 1394); in Corporation of the Poor, 1696-1701; in Society for the Reformation of Manners, 1700; inhabitants of the Castle, 1696, "Charles Jones, wife Sarah, Ann Corsley daughter, Martha, Mary and Elizabeth children" (B.R.S. xxv. 15). (Fox, *Short Jnl.* 376; H. M. Jenkins, *The family of William Penn*, 1899, p. 108; *Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 102.)

JONES, Joan. Sufferer, 1664.

JONES, John (d. 1715), mason; of Broadmead; son of Richard Jones, of Keynsham; m. Mary (sufferer 1664; d. 1711?), dau. of William Corbett late of Yate, Glos., 27 Mar. 1668; 4 s. 2 dau. c. 1675-82; sufferer, 1681-3; inhabitants of Broadmead, James p., 1696, "John Jones & Mary wf." (B.R.S. xxv. 75). One Mary Jones, widow, James p., d. 1720.

JONES, Michael (b. 1656), son of Charles and Ann Jones; soapmaker, 1681; grocer, 1683; of Thomas parish, 1681; later of London; m. Grace, dau. of Richard Marsh, 1682; sufferer, 1681-3. (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 22 (1925), 90-92; 30 (1933), 44-45.)

JONES, William (d. 1685), mason, of James p.; m. Ann (d. 1676).

JORDAN, Hannah (Anna), formerly Dyer (c. 1620-1700); widow, 1682; of James p., 1700; sufferer, 1664, 1682-3; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669; on disciplinary appointments, 1670-81; owned house on Temple pottery site (Pountney, *Old Bristol potteries*, 8; *Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 104). Possibly the inhabitant in James p. 1696, named as Hannah Jordey (B.R.S. xxv. 62). Perhaps wife of Nicholas Jordan (d. 1681), glover, of Thomas p., 1668; of Philip's p., 1681; selling W. Grigge, *The Quaker's Jesus*, 1658; disperser of Friends' books, 1673. (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 102; 18 (1921), 1-2.)

JORDAN, Thomas (d. 1689), grocer; son of Nicholas Jordan; of Maryport p.; High Street, 1679-87; m. (1) Lydia (d. 1685) dau. of Dennis Hollister, 30 Dec. 1664; 3 s. 3 dau. 1669-80; m. (2) Elizabeth (d. 1688); 1 s. 1688; Fox stayed at his house, 1678; sufferer, 1682-3; refused election to Common Council, 1685, 1686. (Fox, *Short Jnl.* 375; *Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 103.)

JORDAN, Thomas (1679-1701), linendraper; son of Thomas and Lydia Jordan; signed the Penn/Callowhill marriage certificate, 1696; his will (B.A.O., 08021(9)); legacy of £20 to the Men's meeting; inhabitant of Christchurch p., 1696 (perhaps with Charles Harford), "Thomas Jordan" (B.R.S. xxv. 21).

JORDAN, Thomas (1634-1699), of Virginia. (Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 442; *Jnl. F.H.S.* 11 (1914), 31.)

KENT, John, of Reading; son of John Kent, of Reading, clothier; m. Anne (b. 1661), dau. of John (d. 1675) and Bethshua (Yeamans) Speed, 31 July 1679.

KENT, Thomas, the Separatist. (Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 385.)

KEYR, Rendal. The burials of two children of Reynold or Rendall Key are recorded, 1672, 1676.

KILL, Thomas (d. 1712? [Maryport p.], or 1730 [Castle Precincts]), weaver; of Castle Precincts; m. Alice (sufferer 1664, 1682; d. 1689); sufferer, 1682, 1683; served on minor

disciplinary appointments, 1691-95; consenting to son Nathaniel's marriage, 1703; inhabitants in 1696, Maryport p. Nathanill Kill bachelor, Thomas Kill lodger; Peter's p. Thomas Kill (B.R.S. xxv. 102, 158).

KIPPON, Joseph (d. 1680), tailor, of Peter's p.; of Wine Street, 1666; m. Ruth (d. 1690, of Trinity p., widow); 4 s. 3 dau. 1656-69; sufferer 1664; prosecuted for trading as a mercer, 1671 (B.A.O., 04447(1)); probably sided with William Rogers.

KIPPON, Joseph (d. 1721), shoemaker; of Wine Street, 1695; m. Mary (d. 1708), dau. of William and Sarah Fry, 13 Nov. 1693; sufferer 1682; beaten about the head at meeting, 13 Aug. 1682; in mandamus to receive the freedom of the city, 1688; cordwainer, freeman 1688; inhabitants of Peter's p., 1696, Joseph Kippon and wife Mary, son William (B.R.S. xxv. 159).

KIPPON, Walter (d. 1704), tailor; of Wine Street, 1680-94; of Trinity p., 1687, 1694; of Peter's p., 1695; of All Saints p., 1704; m. Hannah (b. 1655; sufferer 1682-3), dau. of Thomas and Hannah Goodhind of Saltford, 1679; 6 s. 3 dau. 1680-95; sufferer 1682-3; inhabitants of Peter's p. 1696, Walter Kippen and wife Hannah, children Thomas, Walter, Joseph and Mary (B.R.S. xxv. 160).

KNIGHT, Sir John (1612-1683), the Elder. (DNB.) Distinguish from Sir John Knight (d. 1718), and others of the same name. (*Trans B.G.A.S.* 68 (1949), 110-64; 70 (1951), 119-25.) Not Friends.

LAMB, Morgan (d. 1708, Redcliffe p.), tiler 1671-91; of James p., 1681; m. (1) Anne Long (c. 1622-1686) widow [sufferer, 1664, 1682-3; perhaps widow of Robert (d. 1661) Long, of Philip's p., tiler], 14 May 1671; (2) Margaret Grindall (d. 1716? of Temple p.), 31 Dec. 1691; sufferer, 1664-5, 1682-3; inhabitants of Temple p., 1696, "Morgan Lamb, Margett Lamb wf." (B.R.S. xxv 228.)

LANE, William (d. 1705), grocer, of Redcliffe p.; m. (1) Christian (d. 1674); 3 s. 2 dau. 1658-71; m. (2) Cecilia Love (sufferer 1683; d. 1704), 6 Nov. 1678; sufferer, 1664, 1670-71, 1682-3; inhabitants of Redcliffe p., 1696, William Lane, and wife Cecely, Anthony Williams and Cecely Love (B.R.S. xxv. 112).

LANEY, John, mariner; m. Joan Morris, 1669 [No record found]. There is a register entry for the burial of Jone Long, wife of John, 1672. See entry for Anne Atkinson.

LANGFORD, Henry (d. 1700), weaver; of

Temple p.; of Castle Street, 1681; son of Robert Langford; m. Elizabeth (d. 1717) dau. of William Britton, surgeon, 17 Jan. 1669; 2 s. 3 dau. 1670-81; apprentice discharged at sessions, 11 Dec. 1674, having been immoderately beaten by Henry Langford, his master.

LANGHORNE, Thomas (d. 1687), of Westmorland. In Bristol, 1676 or 1677, 1679. (FPT, 272; S.P.Q. 360.)

LARDGE (Large), Richard, of Bedminster; assisted in the enquiry into Thomas Pugsey's claim on Sarah Cornish, 1676-7.

LASCOMBE, Griffith, milliner, of Redcliffe p.; m. Margaret; 4 s. 5 dau. 1665 onwards; sufferer, 1664, 1683.

LATEY, Gilbert (1626-1705), of London; active in presenting Friends' sufferings to the government for redress. At Bristol, 1679; hoping to see the king on behalf of Bristol prisoners, 1686 (R. Hawkins, *Brief narrative ... of Gilbert Latey*, 1821, pp. 67, 72). (DNB; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii 401.)

LAWFORD, John (d. 1688), mayor of Bristol, 1664-5. Not a Friend.

LEVERETT, Stephen (d. 1681), ropemaker; of Peter's p., 1681; m. Mary (d. 1686, of James p., widow). Mary Leverett, sufferer 1664; signed the Women's meeting's reply concerning the Widow Parsons, 1670 (B.A.O., SF/A7/4, 1); in need, 1685, and her son to be applied to for relief.

LEWIS, Thomas (d. 1672), weaver, of Bedminster; m. Katharine Phillips (d. 1703), 1668? There is also a register entry for the burial of Elioner Lewis, wife of Thomas, of Bedminster, 1668. Katharine Lewis, of Bedminster, widow, m. Philip Higginbottom, 16 Mar. 1673.

LINDEY (Lindy; Lyndy), Richard (c. 1599-1687), mariner; "an Antient Friend"; of Temple p., 1687; m. (1) Mary (sufferer 1664; d. 1667); m. (2) Sarah Mills (d. 1704, of Philip's p.), widow, 17 July 1668; sufferer, 1664, 1682-3; blind, 1683.

LINE (Lyne), Edward, mercer, 1681, 1683; haberdasher of small wares, 1713; of Trinity p., 1681; of Wine Street, 1681, 1699; m. Joan Daniell (b. 1662), of Keynsham, dau. of Tobias and Judith Daniell, 1681; 2 s. 1681-99; shop open 25 Dec. 1678, fined (B.A.O., 04447(2)) at sessions 8 Oct. 1679; sufferer, 1681-3; inhabitants of Christchurch p., 1696, Edward Line and wife Joan, Susanna Line

[m. Charles Saunders, 1697] and Ruth James (B.R.S. xxv. 22).

LLOYD, Abraham (1656-1726), mariner, 1685; merchant, 1713; of Castle Precincts 1686-95; of Winterbourne 1696-1726; son of William and Elizabeth Lloyd; m. Mary (1665-1728, d. at Winterbourne), dau. of Charles Harford, 24 Dec. 1685; 3 s. 5 dau. 1686-1707; sufferer, 1682; in royal mandamus for the freedom of the city, 1688 (B.A.O. 04264(8), f. 21); part owner of the *Bengal Merchant*, 1692 (Powell, *Bristol Privateers*, 1930, p. 90); executor of Charles Harford senior; signed the declaration of trust in Pennsylvania finance deed 7 Oct. 1713 (B.A.O., 09644(2)).

LLOYD, Edward (d. 1718), son of Samuel Lloyd; wine merchant; cider dealer, 1687; merchant, 1699-1713; of Werburgh's p., 1688, 1691; of Small Street, 1691-94; of Leonard's p., 1695-8; of Corn Street, 1699; of Stoney (Michael's) hill, 1703, 1705; of Stoke Bishop, 1706; of Westbury p., 1718; m. Elizabeth (d. 1731, of Stoke, Westbury p.), dau. of the late John Andrews, 11 Aug. 1687; 7 s. 5 dau. 1689 onwards; in mandamus for the freedom of the city, 1688 (B.A.O., 04264(8), f. 21); disciplinary appointments, from 1692, and Workhouse affairs, 1697; member of the Corporation of the Poor, and of the Society for the Reformation of Manners, 1700; inhabitants of Leonard's p., 1696, "Edward Lloyd 50 li. p. a., Elizabeth wf., Elizabeth & Mary ch." (B.R.S. xxv. 99).

LLOYD, John, of Dudston, Salop, son of Samuel Lloyd; m. Mary, dau. of William Powell, of Painswick, 29 Oct. 1683.

LLOYD, William (d. 1726?), mariner 1666; probably son of William Lloyd senior (d. 1676); of Redcliffe p., 1668-70; m. Elizabeth; 7 s. 1 dau. 1656-68; he, or his father (?), sold Redcliffe Pit land to Friends for burial ground, 1666; sufferer, 1670; probably the William Lloyd who d. at Winterbourne, 1726. One Elizabeth Lloyd, of Bedminster, widow, d. 1691.

LOCKETT, Thomas (d. 1692), mercer; of Wine Street, 1680; of Maryport p., 1683; of Trinity p., 1686, 1689; of James p., 1692; m. Elizabeth (b. 1662), dau. of Nathaniel Day, 18 Mar. 1680; 5 ch.; sufferer 1682; inhabitants of the Castle, 1696, with mother Ann Day, widow, were Elizabeth Lockett and Sarah Wall children (B.R.S. xxv. 9). Elizabeth Lockett, widow, m. John Wood, of Frampton Cotterell, carpenter, son of Grace Wood, 7 Mar. 1706.

LODMAN, Bethsua (d. 1681), of James p.;

Barsheba Ladman buried 21 Oct. 1681. Burial registers also record the burial 27 Sept. 1674 Barnard Ledman. The names Bernard Ledman, and Barnaby Lidman (sufferer 1664) also appear. Probably of Broadmead.

LOFTY, Thomas (d. 1694), of Broadmead; 3 children buried 1670-76; sufferer, 1664, 1682; received 20s. from the grant for poor sufferers, 1682 (Friends House Library, Dix G.8.B). Another Thomas Lofty, merchant tailor, of Castle Precincts, d. 1721; he had married Joanna Heathcott, 11 Jan. 1700.

LOVE, John (d. 1696), grocer; of Peter's p., 1660-81; of Wine Street, 1660-66; of James p., 1696; m. (1) Magdalen Bradford (sufferer 1664; d. 1680), 2 Oct. 1659; 3 s. 3 dau. 1660-66; m. (2) Mary Phetty, of London, 1683; sufferer, 1657, 1661, 1664, 1680-83; on disciplinary appointments, 1667-96; treasurer, 1679-86; charged with smuggling wine, 1672 (*Cal. Treas. Bks.* iii. 1078, 1233); charged with fraud in import of corn, 1675 (*Cal. Treas. Bks.* iv. 713, 740); compounded for £196 in tobacco customs fraud, 1691 (*Cal. Treas. Bks.* ix. 1394); elected Common Councillor, 1685, and fined £100 for refusing the oath. (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 102, 104; *Pennsylvania magazine of history*, 17 (1893), 68; *Trans. B.G.A.S.* 65 (1944), 44.)

LOVE, John (d. 1721), of Canterbury; warning to repentance preached in Bristol streets, 1698 (R. Bury, *Collection*, 1712, p. 11); letter of advice to Bristol Friends, 1700 (B.A.O., SF/C1/1(a), 119).

LOVELL, John (d. 1692), staymaker, of Temple p.; m. (1) Margery (sufferer 1664; d. 1669); m. (2) Sarah Marling (sufferer 1683; d. 1683?), 1671; sufferer 1671, 1683; in charge of burial records, 1671-91. The Sarah Lovell who d. 1683 is called "an Antient Friend".

LOWER, Thomas (1633-1720), m. (1) Elizabeth Trelawney; m. (2) Mary Fell (c. 1644-1719), 1668; signatories to the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669. (*DNB*; *EQL*; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* i. 440; ii. 421 & *Short Jnl.* 316.)

LUX, Robert (d. 1691), woolcomber, 1683; milliner, 1683; stocking-maker, 1682; of Redcliffe p., 1677; of Stephen's p., 1685; of John's p., 1691; m. (1) Ann (d. 1677); m. (2) Margaret Taylor (d. 1685), 27 May 1683 (proposals in Friends House Library, Dix E. 7); sufferer 1682-3; admonished for inclining to marry one not a Friend, 1688. There is a register entry for birth of Elizabeth Lucks, dau. of Robert and Mary, Redcliffe p., 1680.

MAHUNE, William. Perhaps the same as William Maghorne, James p., buried 9 May 1681.

MAN, Edward, hosier, of London (Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 422.)

MARCH (Marsh), Richard (d. 1681), of Kingsbridge, Devon; son of Richard March of West Alventon, Devon; m. Susannah (d. 1679), dau. of Roger and Ann Packer, of Doynton, 30 Sept. 1678; forged certificate of clearance for marriage (Friends House Library, Portfolio B. 14).

MARSH, Richard (c. 1630-1704), merchant; of Corn Street, Werburgh's p., 1681; of Small Street, 1682; later (by 1684 or before) of London; m. Ruth Cox (d. 1684, at Limehouse, London), 21 Sept. 1666; 3 s. 5 dau. 1668-80; sufferer, 1664, 1670, 1681-4; charged with smuggling wine, 1672 (*Cal. Treas. Bks.* iii. 1078, 1233); £100 legacy to the Corporation of the Poor. (*Friends' quarterly examiner*, 1907, pp. 477-90; *Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 105; 10 (1913), 42-43; his will, 22 (1925), 90-92.)

MARSHALL, Charles (1637-98), gimpmaker, 1662; apothecary; physician; son of Charles (deceased) and Elizabeth Marshall; of Barton Regis, 1664, 1666; m. Hannah, dau. of Edward (deceased) and Mary Prince, 6 July 1662; 5 s. 2 dau. 1664 onwards; one of the earliest Friends; travelled as a minister; sufferer 1664; signed Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669; prisoner in the Fleet prison, 1682-4, and on release he settled in London; saw Camm and Audland's Works through the press, 1689; buried in Bunhill Fields. In 1703 Hannah Marshall wrote a testimony to her late husband. (*DNB*; Fox, *Short Jnl.* 328; C. Marshall, *Sion's travellers comforted*, 1704.)

MARSHALL, Elizabeth; m. (1) Charles Marshall (d. before 1655); m. (2) Ulysses Taunton, of Wells, 13 Oct. 1673; mother of Charles Marshall (1637-1698); witnessed against ministers in churches, 1654; sufferer 1654-5 (*Cry of Blood*, 1656, pp. 16-21).

MARTINDALE, Edward (d. 1703), merchant, of Castle Green; son of John Martindale of Cumberland; m. Margaret (1641-1720, d. at Wraxall, Somerset), dau. of Robert (d. 1643) and Ann Yeamans, 21 Oct. 1666; 3 s. 1 dau.; sufferer, 1664, 1682-3; on disciplinary appointments, 1668-1700; dispute with William Rogers, 1687; member of the Corporation of the Poor; his son Isaac (b. 1679) at the Playhouse, 1699; inhabitants of the Castle, 1696, Edward Martingall, wife

Margarett, children Grace & Robert (B.R.S. xxv. 10).

MASTERS, Thomas; m. Mary; dau. Mary, b. 1664. Mary Masters, widow, m. George White, 12 May 1672.

MATTHEWS, Joseph (d. 1707), of Philip's p.; son of Richard Matthews, of Melksham; m. Ann Blacklock, 30 Oct. 1679; 5 s. 2 dau. 1680-94.

MAYNARD, Benjamin (d. 1675), of Wine Street, 1666; m. Ann (d. 1712?); 2 s. 1 dau.; witnessed against ministers in churches, 1655; at Launceston, 1656; sufferer, 1664; inhabitant of the Castle, 1696, "Ann Maynard wd." (B.R.S. xxv. 9). (*EQL.*)

MAYNARD, Sarah (b. 1661), dau. of William and Sarah Maynard; sufferer 1681-3.

MAYNARD (Minor), William (d. 1691), cordwainer, of John's p.; m. Sarah (sufferer 1664, 1681-3; d. 1699, James p.); 1 s. 1 dau. 1661-5; sufferer 1664, 1682-3; sided against William Rogers; petitioned the Treasury for payment for shoes delivered to the army, 1691 (*Cal. Treas. Bks.* ix. 1191, 1251). Inhabitant of Stephen's p., Miners Court, 1696, "Sarah Minor wd." (B.R.S. xxv. 200.)

MEERS (Merce), Richard (d. 1684), pewterer; of Nicholas p., 1669; of the Castle, 1684; m. Deborah Wickham (sufferer 1682; d. 1689, of Trinity p.), 1669; sufferer, 1663, 1682.

MERRICK, James. Present at Richard Snead's house, 15 Feb. 1678, when there was a meeting between Fox and William Rogers about their differences (R. Snead, *Exalted Diotrephes*, 46).

MILKINS, Richard, of Brislington; m. Priscilla Allen (d. 1675) of Brislington, 19 Dec. 1661 (Somerset, North division).

MILNER, Nathaniel (d. by 1675), clothier; m. Elizabeth (d. 1690, a widow, of Castle Precincts), dau. of Robert (d. 1643) and Ann Yeamans; 7 ch. 1657-67; one of the earliest Friends in Bristol; at Bath, 1655 (Morford, *Cry of oppression*, 18); sufferer 1663-4. (*Jnl. F.H.S.*, 9 (1912), 104.)

MITCHELL, Thomas, of Cork; m. Elizabeth, dau. of Robert Sheward, 29 June 1675. Elizabeth Mitchell, of Cork, widow, m. John Hammon, of Cork, merchant, 12 Sept. 1692.

MOGGS, Lazarus (d. 1692), shoemaker, cordwainer; of Philip's p.; m. Anne (sufferer 1664, 1682-6; d. 1704, Redcliffe p.); 5 ch. 1657-71; sufferer 1683; inhabitants of

Philip's p., 1696, "Ann Moggs, Rebecca Jennings" (B.R.S. xxv. 169).

MOONE, John, mercer; son of Edward Moone, of near Preston, Lancs.; of Nicholas p., 1668; of Christchurch p., 1670, 1672; of Castle Street, 1676; later of Pennsylvania; m. Sarah, dau. of John Snead, 17 June 1666; 2 s. 2 dau. 1668-76; freeman 27 July 1676; sufferer 1664, 1681-3; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669 (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 101-4); sided against William Rogers; preparing to emigrate to Pennsylvania, 1683. (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 30 (1933), 61.)

MOONE, Paul (d. 1726), currier; of Redcliffe p., 1670-94; of Philip's p., 1726; m. (1) Priscilla Welsh (d. 1690); children from 1670; m. (2) Ann Wallis (d. 1718); sufferer 1679-85; travelled as a minister; Redcliffe p. inhabitants, 1696, Paul Moon & Ann wf., James & Richard ch. (B.R.S. xxv. 117). (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 30 (1933), 61.)

MOORE, Henry. Probably Henry Moore, of Backwell (d. 1685), formerly of Burnham; he m. Rachel Jobbins (d. 1685), of Backwell, at Flax Bourton, 15 May 1661 (Somerset, North division). But possibly Henry Moore, of Bedminster, m. Alice; 3 s. 2 dau. 1655—c. 1665; sufferers 1664.

MOORE, Joseph (d. 1681), feltmaker, of Philip's p.; "an Antient Friend"; m. Elizabeth (sufferer 1664, 1682; d. 1684); sufferer 1664-5; order for transportation, 13 Sept. 1665 (B.A.O., 04447(1), f. 66).

MORGAN, John (d. 1680, buried at Friars), of Philip's p.; sufferer, 1664.

MORRIS (Morrice), Thomas; sufferer 1663-4; there is no record of his marriage with Joan Howell having taken place, but it is likely (perhaps at church), since there is a register entry for the burial of Jone Morris, wife of Thomas Morris, Thomas p., 1687. Inhabitant of Kingstreet, James p. 1696: Thomas Morris (B.R.S. xxv. 76).

MOSLEY (Moseley, Morsly), Thomas (d. 1687), grocer, of Peter's p.; m. Anne James, of Stapleton, 6 or 26 Mar. 1677 (Frenchay Monthly Meeting); 1 s. 4 dau. 1680-87; working 25 Dec. 1678; sufferer 1680-3; his son, Thomas, about to be apprenticed by Bristol Friends, 1691, was called to London by his mother.

MULLENS, Matthew. Perhaps the Augustine's p. inhabitants, 1696, 'Matthew Mullens & Mary wf.' (B.R.S. xxv. 37.)

MURFORD, James; of Augustine's p., 1677; of

Castle Precincts, 1680, 1683; 2 s. 1 dau. buried 1676-80; sufferer 1683.

NEALE, Daniel (d. 1684), of Redcliffe p., grave-maker for Friends; m. Elizabeth (d. 1672); 1 s. 4 dau. 1656-69; sufferer 1664, 1670.

NEATE, Thomas, of Chippenham; his son buried in Bristol, 1672; Wiltshire correspondent for Meeting for Sufferings, 1676. (Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* i. 444.)

NELSON, John. (Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 433.)

NEWTON, Theophilus (d. 1693?), carpenter; of Philip's Out p.; of Barton Regis; m. Margaret [Sutton?] (d. 1698); 4 s. 6 dau. 1657-68; sufferer 1664, 1682. Margaret Newton was perhaps daughter of Henry Sutton of Barton Regis.

NOAKES, Robert, baker; of James p.; m. Mary (—) Ford (sufferer 1664; d. 1694), 20 Sept. 1663; dau. buried 1675; sufferer 1664.

NOBLE, Jesse; of Bristol, 1682; of Rhode Island, 1685; sufferer 1682.

NOBLE, William (d. 1696), wiredrawer, of Redcliffe p.; son of John Noble, of co. Cork, shoemaker (deceased in 1664); m. Frances (d. 1689) dau. of John Price, of Whitchurch, Somerset, 15 Aug. 1664; 7 ch. 1665-79, "Seberah, Bershaba, Elishaba & Gidion Noble" with Enoch Noble bachelor, still living in Redcliffe Pit in 1696 (B.R.S. xxv. 110); freeman, 1658; sufferer 1664, 1682-3; doorkeeper at Bristol Yearly Meeting 1695.

NUTT, John, shoemaker; son of Edward Nutt of Salisbury; m. Sarah (d. 1673), dau. of John Cole, of Bristol, 15 July 1666; sufferer 1664.

OATLEY (Otley, Oakley, Okely), Edward or Edmond (d. 1713), glover; of Philip's p.; m. Katharine (sufferer 1683; d. 1708); 2 s. 3 dau. 1657 onwards; sufferer 1683; inhabitants of Philip's p. 1696, "Edward Oately & Katharine wf." (B.R.S. xxv. 176.)

OLIVER, Clement (d. 1699), shoemaker, of Philip's p.; sufferer, 1682-3; received grant for poor sufferers, 1682 (Friends House Library, Dix G.8.B); doorkeeper at meeting, 1688. Inhabitants of Philip's p. 1696, "Clement Olliver & blank wf." (B.R.S. xxv. 173.)

OSGOOD, John (c. 1634-1694), linendraper, of London. (*EQL*; Fox, *Short Jnl.* 317.)

OWEN, Joseph (d. 1686), of Lewin's Mead,

James p., 1670, 1678; of John's p., 1686-7; m. Elizabeth (d. 1687); sufferer, 1664.

PACKER, John, soapboiler; m. Margaret, dau. of Richard Long of Bedminster, 26 Jan. 1668; sufferer, 1664.

PACKER, Jonathan, soapboiler; son of John Packer; of Castle Green, 1681, 1684; of Redcliffe p., 1694; m. Sarah (d. 1694), dau. of William Baugh, 11 Sept. 1678; 2 s. 1 dau. 1681-4; in mandamus to receive the freedom of the city, 1688 (B.A.O., 04264(8), f. 21).

PAGET (Padgett), Thomas (d. 1704), mealman; of Redcliffe p. (Redcliffe Hill); m. Jane (d. 1681) dau. of John (d. 1680), of Temple p. and Ann, d. 1710) Brinkworth, 5 Jan. 1674; 4 s. 1 dau. 1675-81; sufferer 1682-5; gift to the Corporation of the Poor, 1703/4 (J. Johnson, *Transactions of the Corporation of the Poor*, 1826, p. 168); Redcliffe inhabitant, 1696, "Thomas Padgett wdr." (B.R.S. xxv. 111.)

PARKE, James (1636-1696), of Horslydown, Southwark, London. (Fox, *Short Jnl.* 319.)

PARKE, Nathaniel, weaver; of the Cathay, 1675; of Temple p., 1680; m. (1) Elizabeth (d. 1679); m. (2) Eleanor Martin, widow, 7 Apr. 1680. Eleanor Parke's first husband was perhaps John Martin, brewer (d. 1672), or Thomas Martin (d. 1677) of Thomas p.

PARKER, Alexander (1628-1689), b. in Yorkshire; later of London. (DNB; *EQL*; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* i. 427 & *Short Jnl.* 307.)

PARKER, Edward, of Thornbury; m. Elizabeth Rawlings, 10 Apr. 1670. Perhaps son of the Edward Parker convinced by Camm and Audland, 1654 (*FPT*, 105).

PARKER, Richard, silkweaver; of Nicholas p., 1686; of James p., 1700; m. Mary Hill, widow (d. 1700), 9 Oct. 1678; sufferer, 1682-3; dreamed of Bristol earthquake, 1693, 1695 (Bury, *Collection*, 1712, pp. 1-2, 8); concerned that Friends should not follow the fashions of the world, 1697 (B.A.O., SF/A7/4, 103); on minor disciplinary appointments, 1691-99; emigrated to America, 1700.

PARSONS, Thomas (d. 1671, prisoner at Ilchester), son of Edmund (d. 1653) and Ann Parsons, of Portishead; m. Helena (d. 1698); sons John, b. 1656; and Samuel, b. 1659, taken by Bristol Friends for their education, 1671-2. (E. Wigan, *Portishead parish history*, 1932; *Trans. B.G.A.S.* 70 (1951), 119-25.)

PARTRIDGE, Isaac (d. 1719), silkweaver; of

Temple p., 1677, 1680-1; of Redcliffe p., 1719; m. Margaret (d. 1715) dau. of John Gush, late of Shirehampton, 8 Oct. 1671; 2 dau. 1677-81; sufferer, 1664, 1682-3; on minor disciplinary appointments 1674-79 and from 1692; inhabitants of Temple p., 1696, "Isaac Patridg, Marget wf., Rebeckah d." (B.R.S. xxv. 242.)

PASCALL (Paskall, Paskill), Joseph (d. 1713), silkweaver; of Peter's p., 1677; of Philip's p., 1678-1710; m. Mary Wickham (d. 1710), 22 Sept. 1673; 3 s. 2 dau. 1677-90; sufferer, 1682.

PAYNE, Ann. Inhabitant of Christchurch p., 1696, "Ann Paine wd." (B.R.S. xxv. 28.)

PAYNE, Edward (d. 1690), baker; of Bedminster; son of William Payne, of Congresbury; m. (1) Rebecca (d. 1684) dau. of Keer Watkins of Swansea, 30 Sept. 1666; m. (2) Elizabeth Bartlett (d. 1690), 25 Apr. 1686; 2 s. 3 dau. 1686-90; sufferer 1664.

PEACHY, William (d. 1688), sufferer 1664; later, of London; afterwards, of New Jersey; m. (1) Alice (sufferer 1664; d. 14 Aug. 1664); m. (2) Elizabeth Coleman, 1671, in London. (Whiting, *Persecution expos'd*, 185.)

PEARCE, Thomas, grocer; of Thomas p.; son of Thomas Pearce, of Bathford; m. Joan, dau. of Peter Hiley, 25 Mar. 1670; 4 s. 5 dau. 1671-86; sufferer 1681-2.

PEARSON, Susannah; sufferer, 1664, 1670; presumably the elder of the two Susannah Pearsons boarded children; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669. (*EQL*; Fox, *Short Jnl.* 375-6; *Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 103.)

PEEK (Peake), Sarah; widow in 1674; sufferer, 1664. Perhaps widow of Philip Peek, sufferer 1664.

PERKINS, Alexander (d. 1692), of James p.; m. — (d. 1682); 1 s. 4 dau. 1658-66; sufferer, 1664.

PERRIN, Edward (d. 1703), merchant, 1681, 1683; of James p., 1678-81; of the Castle, 1682-4, 1687, 1689, 1691; of Philip's p., 1703; m. (1) Jane (d. 1676); 2 s. 1671-4; m. (2) Mary Robinson (Robertson), widow (d. 1693), 12 or 13 Nov. 1677; 4 s. 3 dau. 1678-91; sufferer, 1681, 1683; sending children to Logan's school (B.A.O., SF/A7/4, 73).

PHILLIPS, Richard (d. 1703), cordwainer, shoemaker; of Maryport p.; m. Joan (Ford) Edwards (sufferer 1682-3; d. 1705), 7 Apr. 1679; s. Richard b. 1680; sufferer, 1683;

sided against William Rogers; one of 12 Friends sending children to Logan's school, 1690; inhabitants of Maryport p., 1696, Richard Phillips & Jone wf. (B.R.S. xxv. 103).

PHIPPS, George, of the Castle; maltseller, 1671; m. Elizabeth Cowles (d. 1679), of Ross, Herefs.; 2 s. 2 dau. 1672-77; fined £5 for opening shop before taking up his freedom, 1666; signatory of the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669 (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 103); a burial recorded of George Phipps, Castle Precincts, 1677.

PINNELL, Jeffery (Geoffrey) (d. 1713), son of Francis Pinnell, yeoman, of Olveston; mercer, 1681, 1683; linendraper, 1699; merchant, 1704, 1708; of Barton Regis, 1680; of Wine Street, 1682-91; of Stephen's p., 1708, 1712; m. (1) Elizabeth (d. 1684), dau. of Theophilus Newton, 17 Nov. 1679; 1 s. 2 dau. 1680-4; m. (2) Elizabeth Attwood (d. 1693), in 1686 or 1687; 1 s. 3 dau. 1687-93; m. (3) Katharine (d. 1708), dau. of Nathaniel Coleman, of Sutton, Wilts. 1698; 2 s. 2 dau. 1699-1707; sufferer, 1681; active on disciplinary and Workhouse appointments from 1688; had an interest in the brass works, and in Coalbrookdale copper works, 1711; inhabitants of Christchurch p., 1696, "Jeffery Pinnell 600 li., Joane, Sarah & Rachell Pinnell, Francis Punell" (B.R.S. xxv. 24).

PLEDWELL, William, mason, of Philip's p.; m. (1) Margaret (d. 1675); 3 s. 1 dau. 1664-72; m. (2) Frances (d. 1680), dau. of late Richard Ashhurst, of Winterbourne, 11 Oct. 1676; 2 ch. 1678-80; sufferer, 1664, 1683.

PLOMER (Plumer), William, of Barton Regis; m. Frances Piller (*or* Spelly), of Stapleton, 29 Aug. 1677 (Frenchay monthly meeting); 2 dau. 1680-2.

POPE, John (d. 1719), weaver, sergeweaver, of (Philip's Out p.) Barton Regis; m. (1) Mary Jones (d. 1685), of Barton Regis, 26 Sept. 1677; 3 s. 1 dau. 1679-84; m. (2) Anne Mountaine (d. 1712) of Barton Regis, 26 Feb. 1694; 1 s. 1 dau. 1695-7; m. (3) Hester Samme (d. 1716), widow, 25 Feb. 1714; sufferer, 1682-6; in mandamus for the freedom of the city, 1688; serving on minor disciplinary appointments, from 1686.

POPE, Mary, of Brislington; m. Thomas King, of Brislington, 12 Apr. 1680 (Somer-set, North division).

POPLESTONE, Philip (d. 1708), merchant; of Michael's p., 1697-1708; m. (1) Elizabeth Mugford (d. 1697), widow, 16 July 1669; m. (2) Elizabeth (Owen) Hollard (d. 1717, of

Augustine's p.), 19 Jan. 1699; 1 dau.; inhabitants of Augustine's p., 1696, "Philipp Poplestone, Elizabeth wf." (B.R.S. xxv. 31.)

POUNSET (Pounsett), James, of Barton Regis; stockingmaker; m. Philipia, dau. of Robert Sheward, late of Bristol, 25 Nov. 1674; s. James b. 1679; sufferer, 1678. Philipia Pounset, of Barton Regis, widow, m. Thomas Harris, 12 Apr. 1680.

POWELL, Gregory (d. 1722), silkweaver; of Thomas p., 1684; of Redcliffe p., 1684-1702; of Castle Precincts, 1705-6; m. (1) Anne (1663-1702), dau. of John and Anne Saunders, 29 Apr. 1683; 4 s. 3 dau. 1684-90; m. (2) Elizabeth Parker (d. 1714), 20 May 1703; 1 s. 1 dau. 1705-6; sufferer, 1682; in mandamus to receive the freedom of Bristol, 1688 (B.A.O., 04264(8), f. 21); publisher of Friends' marriages, 1692-6; freeman, 1699 (B.A.O., 04264(8), f. 174v, 179, 187v-188); died in the Friars Meeting House, 1722; inhabitants of Redcliffe p., 1696, "Gregory Powell & Ann wf., Joseph, Margaret & Sarah ch." (B.R.S. xxv. 109.)

POWELL, William. Perhaps the William Powell of Michael's p. (d. 1681); m. Ann; s. William, b. 1674.

PRETER, Thomas, son of Thomas Preter, late of Tytherton, Wilts; m. Mary, dau. of Lemon Dickinson, 25 Feb. 1678.

PRICE, Margaret (d. 1695), of James p.; sufferer, 1682 (aged 60). Probably not the same as the Margaret Price who appears in the minutes.

PRICKETT, John; m. Joan Williams (sufferer 1682; d. 1685, a prisoner in Newgate; of Castle Precincts), 1668. The register digest records burial of one John Puckett, 21 Mar. 1677.

PRIEST, Robert (d. 1718), cordwainer; cheesemonger, 1714; of Redcliffe Street, 1689, 1692; of Trinity p., 1697, 1709; of Christchurch p., 1709; of Thomas p., 1718; m. (1) Katharine Cleves (d. 1709), dau. of Katharine Cleves of Bruton?, 21 June 1686; 1 s. 1 dau. 1689-92; m. (2) Sabra (Noble) Beavan (1675?-1721), 15 July 1714; sufferer, 1682; dispute with John Fallowfield, 1699; inhabitants of Christchurch p., 1696, "Robert Preist & Catherine wf., Robert Preist" (B.R.S. xxv. 21). Possibly two families may be confused here.

Katharine Cleves may well be the Katharine Cloues, sufferer, 1683-4 (B.A.O., 04448, sessions 9 Sept. 1683, 19 Mar. 1684). Sabra Preist, widow, m. Robert Frampton

(d. 1721) of Gloucester, malter, 20 Apr. 1720.

PRINCE, Mary (d. 1679), widow, of Castle Precincts; m. Edward Prince; mother of Mary (Prince) Bisse; Hannah (Prince) Marshall; and Margaret, who m. Walter King, merchant, 6 Sept. 1663; in New England, 1656; travel to eastern Mediterranean, 1657; with Mary Fisher on the continent, 1660; sufferer, 1664; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669. (*EQL*; *Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 103.)

PRITCHARD (Prichard), Henry, shoemaker; son of the late Richard Davies ap Harris, of Montgomery; m. (1) Elizabeth Wilcox (d. 1665), late of co. Wilts., 17 Jan. 1664; m. (2) Mary Smith (sufferer 1664), c. 1667; sufferer, 1664.

PYOTT, Alexander (d. 1696), son of Edward Pyott of Barton Regis; of the Castle, 1679-81; of Brislington, 1695-6; m. Mary Sharp (d. 1714), dau. of William Sharp of London, 11 Dec. 1678; 2 s. 1 dau. 1679-81; 1 s. buried 1695; there are children in the Wiltshire registers (domiciled at Warminster); sided with William Rogers; in royal mandamus for the freedom of the city, 1688 (B.A.O., 04264(8), f.21).

PYOTT, Edward (d. 1670), gentleman, 1647; merchant, 1656, 1666; of Lower Easton, 1662; died in London, 3 May 1670; m. Elizabeth (d. 1672), widow of Richard Dittie, 1647 or before; (parliamentary) captain, at Naseby, 1645; freeman, 12 Nov. 1647; one of the first to entertain Friends, 1654; in Cornwall with George Fox, 1656; militia commissioner (Firth & Rait, *Acts and Ordinances*, 1911, ii. 1332); sufferer, 1663-4; signatory of the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669. (*EQL*; *FPT*; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* i. 260, 424 & *Short Jnl.* 287.)

PYOTT, Elizabeth (d. 1672), "an Antient Friend"; m. (1) Richard Dittie, carpetweaver, freeman of Bristol; m. (2) Edward Pyott (d. 1670), 1647 or before; sufferer, 1664. (*EQL*; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 384.)

READ, Jonathan (d. 1727), blockmaker; pumpmaker, 1683; of Stephen's p.; m. Elizabeth (sufferer, 1683), dau. of Henry Faint, of Barton Regis, 5 Feb. 1680; 5 s. 5 dau. 1680-96; sufferer, 1683; Stephen's p. inhabitants, 1696, "Jonathan Read & Elizabeth wf., Jonathan, Henry, John, Mary, Elizabeth, Sarah, Hannah, ch." (B.R.S. xxv. 189).

READ, William (d. 1728), silkweaver; later, mealman; of Castle Street, Castle Precincts,

1687-88; of Peter Street, Peter's p., 1690-96; of Peter's p., 1721, 1727; m. (1) Mary Blanch (d. 1696), of Urcott, p. of Alveston, 25 Apr. 1686 (Frenchay monthly meeting); 4 s. 1 dau. 1686-96; m. (2) Ann Harford (d. 1721), 24 Mar. 1698; Peter's p. inhabitants, 1696, "William Read & Mary wf., John & Mary ch." (B.R.S. xxv. 163.)

RENNETT, John, silkweaver; m. Mary, dau. of Stephen Leverett, 5 Nov. 1685 (certificate of publication, Friends House Library, Dix. E. 12).

RICHARDSON, Richard (c. 1623-1689), of London. (Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 498-9 & *Short Jnl.* 300.)

ROBERTS, Gerrard (c. 1621-1703), of London; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669; his son Thomas, apprenticed to William Rogers, B.R.S. xix. 10, Bristol Apprenticeship Books, 1668-71, f. 257. (Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* i. 434 & *Short Jnl.* 337; *EQL*; *James Claypoole's Letter Book*, 1681-84, 1967, pp. 52, 83, 93.)

ROBINSON, (Robertson), Thomas (d. 1695), of Kendal; spent some time in Bristol; sided against William Rogers; sufferer in Bristol, 1655-6, 1670, 1682. (*EQL*; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* i. 442 & *Short Jnl.* 318.)

ROE (Row), Christian (d. 1684), of Redcliffe p.; m. Anthony Roe (d. 1676); 3 s. 1 dau. 1662-7; registrar of births for Friends; sufferer, 1683.

ROGERS, Francis (d. 1694), merchant; m. (1) Elizabeth Erbury, widow, 1660 at Cork; m. (2) Jane Dring (d. 1679) of London, 1666; m. (3) Katharine Dowlen (d. 1695, of James p.), of Youghal, 8 Jan. 1685; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669; his widow brought legacy to the Men's meeting, 1694. It is not clear whether these items refer to the same man.

A son of William Rogers, named Francis, m. Hannah Neale, 21 Jan. 1692. (Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 416 & *Short Jnl.* 360; *Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 102, 104; 12 (1915), 53-58; Correspondence in *James Claypoole's Letter Book*, 1681-84, 1967.)

ROGERS, John (d. 1717), woolcomber; of Philip's p., 1671, 1717; sufferer, 1664, 1671; receiving relief, 1684; allowed a room in the Workhouse, 1699; inhabitants of Philip's p., 1696, "John Rogers & Ann wf." (B.R.S. xxv. 177).

Probably the husband of Ann Rogers (sufferer 1682), Philip's p., d. 1699.

ROGERS, William (d. 1711, buried at Man-

gotsfield, Frenchay monthly meeting); merchant; son of Francis Rogers, gunsmith; of Lewin's Mead, 1660; of Broadmead, 1670; of Castle Precincts, 1683; of Lower Easton, 1706; of Stapleton, 1709-11; m. Elizabeth (d. 1709); 4 s. 5 dau. 1660-72 (one burial at Hazel in Bristol register, 1664, others in Frenchay monthly meeting registers, with Hazel burials); freeman, merchant, 18 Sept. 1660 (B.R.S. xix. 32); sufferer, 1664, 1670, 1683; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669; leader in the Wilkinson-Story controversy about church government, wrote against the views supported by Fox and others. (Rogers, *Christian-Quaker*, 1680 etc.; R. Snead, *Exalted Diotrepes* 1681; *Antichristian treachery*; Fox, *Short Journal*, 360.)

ROUCH (Rowch), William (d. 1700), tailor, of the Castle; s. of Thomas Rouch, of Yate, Glos.; m. (1) Magdalen (d. 1680), dau. of David Jones of Brecknock, 22 July 1666; m. (2) Judith (d. 1706), dau. of Thomas and Mary Yates, 21 or 22 Mar. 1681; 5 s. 3 dau. 1682-95; sufferer, 1683-4; sided against William Rogers; freeman, 1688; active on disciplinary appointments and Workhouse, 1687-1700; compounded for £167 in tobacco customs frauds, 1691. (B.R.S. xxv. 10.)

ROUS, John (d. 1695), of Barbados, later of Kingston on Thames; m. Margaret Fell (c. 1633-1706), eldest dau. of Thomas and Margaret Fell, 1662; in Bristol during visits of George Fox, 1669, 1673. (*DNB*; *EQL*; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 385, 421.)

ROW (Roe), Henry (d. 1698), ironmonger; of Nicholas p., 1658; of Philip's p., 1689, 1691; of Thomas p., 1696, 1698; m. Judith Popley (d. 1691); Common Councillor, but did not attend meetings, 1653-56; militia commissioner, 1659; gunpowder seized at his house, 1660 (*CSPD* 1660/1, p. 569; 1661/2, p. 107); imprisoned for opening shop on Christmas Day 1661; musket and rapier seized at his house, 1684 (*Trans. B.G.A.S.* 2 (1878, 109); inhabitant on the Bridge, Thomas p., 1696, Henry Roe (lodger), (B.R.S. xxv. 209). It is possible that two Henry Rows are here confused. (*FPT* 226.)

row, John, silkweaver; m. Hester Dew, of Frome, 12 July 1683 (Somerset, North division); in London, receiving relief from Bristol, 1696; unwilling to return to Bristol and enter the Workhouse, 1697.

RUDDLE, Robert, merchant; of Bristol and London; of Michael's or Nicholas p., 1683; m. Anne, dau. of James Dowlen, 31 Aug. 1682; dau. Elizabeth, b. 1683; his proposed

marriage to Grace Marsh was stopped, 1678; sufferer, 1682-3; trustee for the Hollard orphans, 1698; overseer of Richard Marsh's will, 1703 (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 22 (1925), 90-92). (Friends House Library, Dix G.8.B; *Jnl. F.H.S.* 10 (1913), 42-43.)

RUSS (Rosse), John (d. 1716), tobacco-cutter; of Thomas p., 1684-1704; of Redcliffe Street, 1685-94; of Redcliffe p., 1683, 1687; m. (1) Mary Rowe (d. 1690), of Bruton, 2 July 1682 (Somerset, Middle division); 2 s. 3 dau. 1683-9; m. (2) Mary Tudor (d. 1715), 24 Mar. 1692; 4 s. 3 dau. 1 stillborn ch. 1693-1704; sufferer 1682-3; inhabitants of Redcliffe Street, Thomas p., 1696, John Russ and wife Mary, Mary, John and Samuell, children (B.R.S. xxv. 204).

RUSSELL, Arthur (d. 1683), carpenter, 1679; of Bishford, 1678; of West Bishport, 1679; of Bedminster, 1683; m. Joan, dau. of Elinor Holder, 22 May 1678; 1 s. 1 d. 1679-81; sufferer 1682; enquiry into his estate, and provision for children, on his widow's remarriage, 1692 (B.A.O., SF/A1/3, p. 58). Joan Russell (d. 1701, Bedminster) of Bishport, widow, m. William Stephens (d. 1695), of Bedminster, husbandman, 26 May 1692; 1 dau. 1693.

RUSSELL, Joseph, millwright, of Bedminster; m. Rebecca (d. 1711) dau. of Edward Payne, of Bedminster, 1 Nov. 1685; 3 dau.; in debt, and his family in distress, 1694, 1697-1700.

RUSSELL, Philip, silkweaver, 1678, 1683; of Redcliffe p., 1682; later of Pennsylvania; m. Sarah (sufferer 1682-3), dau. of John Gush, late of Shirehampton, 26 Sept. 1678; 1 s. 2 dau.; sufferer, 1682-3; removal to Pennsylvania, 1683 (certificate: Friends House Library, Dix. G. 41).

SALTHOUSE, Thomas (1630-1691), frequently in Bristol; signatory of the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669 (*DNB*; *EQL*; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* i. 435-6.)

SANSOM, Oliver (d. 1710), of Faringdon; later, of Abingdon. In Bristol, 1673, 1686-87. (*Account ... of Oliver Sansom*, 1710; New edition, 1848.)

SARJEANT, Cornelius (d. 1726), soapmaker, soapboiler; of Wine Street, Christchurch p.; son of William Sarjeant, of Bathford; m. (1) Rebecca (sufferer 1683; d. 1702) dau. of William Ball, of Downend, 9 Apr. 1671; 6 s. 5 dau. 1672-86; m. (2) Sarah Fisher, widow of Francis Fisher (d. 1702), mariner, of Redcliffe p., 12 Apr. 1704; apprenticed to Charles Harford; freeman, 1677; sided

with William Rogers; sufferer, 1682-3; signed the Bristol Friends' letter to Reading Friends asking them to heal their division, 1687; active on disciplinary appointments, from 1671; member of the Corporation of the Poor, Trinity ward; member of the Society for the Reformation of Manners, 1700; Peter's p. inhabitants, 1696, Cornelius Serjeant, Rebecca wf., William, Cornelius & Sarah, children (B.R.S. xxv. 159).

SAUNDERS, John (d. 1675), grocer, of Redcliffe Street; m. Mary Deyos; 4 dau. 1654-62; sufferer, 1663-4; named in the Redcliffe Pit deed, 1666.

SAUNDERS, John, silkweaver; son of John Saunders, of Bristol; of Redcliffe Street; m. Anne (d. 1714), dau. of William Snow, 28 June 1662; 4 s. 8 dau. 1663-80; sufferer, 1683; active on disciplinary appointments, 1671-1701; publisher of marriages, from 1691; Redcliffe p. inhabitants, 1696, "John Saunders & Ann wf." (B.R.S. xxv. 117.)

SAUNDERS, Thomas (d. 1672), translator (shoemaker); m. Eleanor (d. 1676); the widow of Thomas Saunders was refused Friends' assistance in apprenticing her child, 1673.

SAUNDERS, Thurston, son of Thomas and Eleanor Saunders; Friends refused to assist in apprenticing him, 1673. Perhaps the same in the inhabitants of Stephen's p., 1696, Thurston Saunders and Mary his wife, children Thurston and Mary (B.R.S. xxv. 195).

SAWCER (Saucer), *formerly Batt, afterwards* Bennett, Dorcas (d. 1694), dau. of Ferdinando Batt, of Cirencester; of Bedminster, 1671; m. (1) William Sawcer (sufferer 1663-4; d. 1670), of Bedminster, baker, son of Christopher Sawcer of Bridport, 7 Apr. 1667; m. (2) George Bennett (d. 1697), of Bedminster, 19 Nov. 1671; sufferer, 1682.

SAWYER (Sawer), Arthur, junior (d. 1722), soapmaker; merchant; of Castle Green, 1678, 1680; of Small Street, 1681, 1682; of James Grave Yard, 1686-96; of Stronghill, Michael's p., 1698, 1701; of James p., 1722; m. (1) Grace (d. 1677), dau. of Mark Mould, of Failand (*alternatively*, late of Dublin), 17 Feb. 1675; m. (2) Mary (sufferer 1683; d. 1701), dau. of Robert Sheward, 24 Nov. 1679; 9 s. 1 dau. 1680-98; sufferer, 1683; in the royal mandate to receive the freedom of Bristol, 1688 (B.A.O., 04264(8), f. 21); compounded for £63 in tobacco customs frauds, 1691 (*Cal. Treas. Bks.* ix (1689-92), 430, 1148, 1155, 1394); appointed to draw up Friends' marriage certificates,

1688; inhabitants of James Churchyard, 1696, Arthur Sawyer & Mary wf., and children—Arthur, Robert, Thomas, John, William, Benjamin & Mary (B.R.S. xxv. 80).

SHAW (Shea, Shew), Robert (d. 1721), weaver; son of Alexander Shaw, of Sanditch [Sandbach?], Cheshire; of (Philip's Out parish) Lawford's Gate, co. Gloucester, 1663; m. Elizabeth (d. 1710), dau. of Philip Peek, 17 Jan. 1664; 1 s. 2 dau. 1664-79.

SHEWARD, Robert (d. before 1675), woollen-draper; m. Elizabeth. Elizabeth Sheward signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669 (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 104); sufferer 1681-5 (described as widow, of Trinity p.); inhabitant of Augustine's p., 1696, "Elizabeth Seward wd." (B.R.S. xxv. 39).

SHORT, Walton (d. 1728), shoemaker, cord-wainer; of Thomas Street, Thomas p.; son of William and Elizabeth Short; m. Elizabeth, dau. of William Horwood, feltmaker, 16 June 1681; 3 s. 2 dau. 1 unnamed, 1685-92; inhabitants of Thomas p., 1696, Walton Short & Elizabeth wf., (children:) Walton, Abraham, Joseph, Elizabeth, Hannah & Sarah (B.R.S. xxv. 218).

SIFFORD, John, of Bristol, later of London; sufferer 1682.

SIMONDS, David, mariner; m. Elizabeth Atkins, widow [probably Elizabeth (Batchelor) Atkins of Redcliffe Street, widow of Thomas Atkins, freemason, m. 28 Dec. 1661. Elizabeth Simonds d. 1698; or 1709, of Redcliffe p.], 31 Oct. 1689; sufferer, 1664; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669. There was an Elizabeth Symonds widow, inhabiting [Redcliffe Street?], Thomas p., 1696, with children, James, Abigail & Elizabeth (B.R.S. xxv. 205, 206).

SIMONDS, Samuel (d. 1698), tobacco-cutter; of Castle Precincts; m. (1) Martha (d. 1684); 5 s. 2 dau. 1673-84; m. (2) Mary (West) Turner, widow of William Turner (she d. 1703, in the Castle), 16 May 1686; sufferer 1683; Castle inhabitants, 1696, Samuel Simons & Mary wf., James & Mary ch. (B.R.S. xxv. 16).

SMART, William (d. 1691), son of Sarah Smart; plasterer, tiler; of Barton Regis, 1681; of Redcliffe p., 1690; of Thomas Street, 1682, 1683; of Redcliffe Hill, 1687; m. Elizabeth, dau. of Aquilla Daunce, of Bishport, 1 July 1680; 2 s. 2 dau. 1681-87; sufferer, 1683; in royal mandamus for the freedom of the city, 1688 (B.A.O., 04264 (8), f. 21); inhabitants of Redcliffe p., 1696,

Elizabeth Smart, and child John (B.R.S. xxv. 112).

SMITH, Charles (d. before 1713), shoemaker; m. Susannah Cale, 23 Apr. 1688; dau. Elizabeth, d. 1712, James p.; sufferer, 1682; in royal mandate to receive the freedom of the city, 1688 (B.A.O., 04264 (8), f. 21); reported to have quarrelled with his wife, 1693 (B.A.O., SF/A1/3, 72-74).

SMITH, Paul (d. 1706), glazier; of Corn Street, Werburgh's p.; 1679-85; of Marsh Street, 1687-91; of Stephen's p., 1692-1706; m. Margaret Lewis (d. 1711), 5 May 1679; 8 s. 2 dau. 1680-95; inhabitants of Stephen's p., 1696, Paul Smith, Margaret, William, John, Jonah & Benjamin, children (B.R.S. xxv. 200).

SMITH, Stephen (1623-1678), formerly factor with the Levant Company at Alexandretta; in Bristol at the Wilkinson-Story conferences, 1678. (*DNB*; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 446.)

SMITH, William; m. Lydia; assisted by Friends when travelling to Ireland, 1677. No evidence to connect this man with the William Smith in *EQL*, p. 369.

SNEAD, Richard (d. 1712), mercer; son of Elizabeth Snead (d. 1694); at the Black Mare's Head, on the Bridge, 1662; Wine Street, Trinity p., 1678; of Castle Precincts, 1687-1711; m. Bridget Sharpe (sufferer 1682-4; d. 1699), 1671; 2 dau. to 1677; active on disciplinary appointments from 1673; concerned on the orthodox side in the Wilkinson-Story discussions, 1678-79; signed the Bristol letter to Reading Friends urging a settlement of differences remaining after the Wilkinson-Story separation, 1687; sufferer, 1664, 1678, 1682-5; signed the marriage certificates of William Penn and of William Penn junior, 1696, 1699; documents signed by him in Friends House Library, Dix E, and G.10.B, G.25.B; inhabitants in Philip's p., 1696, Richard Snead, Bridgett wf. (B.R.S. xxv. 170). (Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 378, 384 & *Short Jnl.* 374.)

Bridget Snead was one of the most active women Friends; she presented the statement about the condition of Newgate to the magistrates, Feb. 1682.

SOMERS (Summers), Stephen (d. 1714), tailor; of Barton Regis, 1677; of Wine Street, Trinity p., 1681-92; of Christchurch p., 1696, 1714; m. Sarah, dau. of Sarah Peek, widow, 12 Oct. 1674; 5 s. 5 dau. 1675-92; sending scholars to Patrick Logan's school, 1690; stood security for £10 towards the Workhouse capital, 1696; on a disciplinary

appointment, 1699; 1696, inhabitants of Christchurch p., "Stephen Summers & Sarah wf., Stephen, Mary, Josiah & Sarah Summers" (B.R.S. xxv. 21).

SOMERS, Walter, of Tockington, Almondsbury. (Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 480; *EQL*.)

SPEED, John (d. 1675), merchant; m. Berthna (Bathsheba, or Bethshua) dau. of Robert (d. 1643) and Ann Yeamans (b. 1642), 26 Jan. 1657 at All Saints; freeman, apprentice of Thomas Speed, 1657; both sufferers, 1664. (B.R.S. xix. 36, 258.)

SPEED, Thomas (d. 1703), merchant; held the New Inn, All Saints Lane, 1656; of Stephen's p., 1670-77; of Werburgh's p., 1681-1703; m. (1) Ann (Popley?) Yeamans, widow of Robert Yeamans (d. 1643) [Ann Speed was in Devon with Barbara Blagdon, 1657]; m. (2) Martha (d. 1667); m. (3) Ann Sherman, 1668 [it is possibly this marriage which was criticised by Tewksbury Friends, see minute of 4 Oct. 1669; Ann Speed signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669]; m. (4) Mary (d. 1719) [She signed the Penn-Callowhill marriage certificate, 1696]; freeman, having married the widow of a freeman, 1646 or 25 Sept. 1647; minister at St. Philip's until 1650; S.M.V. warden, 1651-2; member of the Corporation of New England; associated with Friends from 1655; sufferer 1663-4, 1681; elected to Common Council, but declined, 1685; on a few disciplinary appointments from 1667. (Wood, *Athenae Oxon.*, 1721, ii. 953, iv. 488; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* i. 461; Smith; B.R.S. xxv. 222.)

STEEL, Lawrence (c. 1644-1684), schoolmaster; of London, later, of James p., Bristol; sufferer, 1682-4. (Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 465 & *Short Jnl.* 374; *Jnl. F.H.S.* 25 (1928), 7-23; Whiting, *Persecution expos'd*, 115.)

STERRIDGE (Sturge), James; probably the person buried 21 Feb. 1688, of Castle Precincts; served on disciplinary appointments, 1667-81; signed the Bristol paper of advice to youth, 1678.

STERRIDGE (Sturge), James, junior; of Keynsham, 1663-71; of Barton Regis, 1675-8; of Chew, 1683; of Hemel Hempstead, from 1688; m. Elizabeth Tayer, of Thornbury (1634-1706), 6 May 1663 (Somerset, North division); 3 s. 3 dau. 1663-78; James Sterridge, junior, is not easily distinguished from his father; sufferer 1663-4, 1683 (at Chew); signed the Bristol paper of advice, 1678; sided against William Rogers. Elizabeth Tayer heard Audland speak at a meeting which he held with John Camm on one of their early visits to the West in 1654.

She became a stalwart supporter of Quakerism, see her autobiography, *Strength in weakness manifest*, 1711.

STODDART, Amor (d. 1670), of London; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate 1669. (*EQL*; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* i. 431.)

STORY, John (d. 1681), of Westmorland; frequently in the West of England, at least from 1655 (1 July 1655 at Keynsham); at the time of the Wilkinson-Story controversy he had meetings in Bristol with George Fox, William Penn and others; he was staying at Thomas Goldney's house, 1677-78. (Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* i. 405 & *Short Jnl.* 373, 375; *EQL*.)

SUMMERS, Robert (d. 1725); of Barton Regis, 1680-86; of James p., 1725; m. Elizabeth Gerrish (d. 1727, James p.), 1671; 1 s. 3 dau. 1680-87; sufferer, 1664, 1682. One Elizabeth Summers, widow, d. 1710.

SUTTON, Henry (d. 1676), of Barton Regis; taken from Bristol meeting to the Guard, 13 Dec. 1663, but was discharged, "being an ancient man" (*Relation of the inhumane ... sufferings*, 22; Besse, *Sufferings*, i. 44).

TAUNTON, Ulysses, of Wells, clothworker; m. Elizabeth Marshall, widow of Charles Marshall of Bristol, 13 Oct. 1673.

TAYLOR, John (c. 1637-1708), of York. (Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 496 & *Short Jnl.* 338-9.)

TAYLOR, Joseph, of Busford [Pensford?], Somerset, weaver; m. Ann (sufferer 1664), dau. of John Mayes, of Failand, 22 Feb. 1675. One Joseph Taylor, of the Out parish of Philip & Jacob, buried Jan. 1721.

TAYLOR (Taylour), Nicholas (d. 1704), carpenter, of Redcliffe p.; m. Mary (sufferer 1683; d. 1704); 5 s. 5 dau. 1663-83; sufferer, 1682-3; inhabitants of St Thomas Street, Redcliffe p., 1696, Nicholas Tayler & Mary wf., John, Joseph, Nicholas & Sarah, children (B.R.S. xxv. 115).

TAYLOR (Taylour), Samuel; shoemaker, cordwainer; son of Arthur Taylor; of John's p., 1670; of Peter's p., 1681; of Wine Street, 1683; m. Anne (sufferer 1682), dau. of Lattemore Sampson, of Ireland, 11 Nov. 1664; 3 s. 4 dau. 1665-83; refused to contribute to the militia, 1 Feb. 1661 (Besse, *Sufferings*, i. 43); sufferer, 1664, 1670, 1681-3.

TAYLOR, Thomas (d. 1707), schoolmaster; of John's p.; m. Hannah; wife still living in 1709, when his dau. Hannah was proposing to marry in Shropshire (B.A.O., SF/A1/4,

pp. 100, 101); inhabitants of John's p., 1696: "Thomas Tayler & Hannah wf. ... Thomas, Isaac, Arthur & Hannah" children, together with 9 tablers, probably his school (B.R.S. xxv. 88).

TAYLOR (Taylard, Taylour), Thomas (d. 1717, aged 75), cooper (set cooper); of Castle Precincts, 1693-1717; of Castle Green, 1717; m. Jane Croome (sufferer 1682; d. 1730), 9 Feb. 1673; 1 s. 1 dau. 1675-80; freeman, cooper (had taken the oath), 1673; sufferer, 1682-3; received grant in aid of poor sufferers, 1682 (Friends House Library, Dix G.8.B); Castle inhabitants, 1696, Thomas Tayler & Jane wife, Jane daughter (B.R.S. xxv. 5).

TAYLOR (Taylard), William (d. 1670), maltster, of Temple p.; m. Dorothy [Dixon?] (d. 1681); 2 s. 2 dau. 1660 onwards; sufferer, 1663-4; rented the herbage of Redcliffe Pit burial ground, 1668; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669 (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 102). There are a number of William Taylors.

TAYLOR (Taylour), William (d. 1701), baker, of the Castle; m. (1) Mary (d. 1675); m. (2) Elizabeth (d. 1720), dau. of Thomas Webb of Earthcott, Glos., 28 June 1677; sufferer, 1664, 1679, 1682-3; fined 5 marks for opening shop, Jan. 30, 1679; on some disciplinary appointments, including care of documents; bequeathed £100 for the poor. (B.R.S. xxv. 7.)

THOMAS, Henry; cooper, hoopier; of Thomas Street, Thomas p.; m. Mary Tippet (Tibbat) (d. 1723?), of Brislington, 5 July 1675; 2 s. 1 dau. 1676-86; sufferer, 1683. The following burials are recorded: Henry Thomas, of Thomas p. 1690; Henry Thomas 1714; Mary Thomas, of Thomas p., widow, 1714; Mary Thomas, of Thomas p. 1723.

THOMAS, Isaac (1657-93), son of Reece and Margaret Thomas; of James p., 1693; sufferer, 1685; in mandamus to receive the freedom of Bristol, 1688 (B.A.O., 04264(8), f. 21).

THOMAS, John, son of Reece Thomas, of Bristol; of Castle Precincts, 1682; of James p., 1685, 1689; of Broadmead, 1688, 1696; m. Rachel (sufferer 1683-4; d. 1727, of Castle Precincts), dau. of Walter Thomas, late of Swansea, 16 Dec. 1680; 3 s. 1682-88. Inhabitants of Broadmead, 1696, "Rachell Thomas wd., John s." (B.R.S. xxv. 74). John Thomas, of Redcliffe p., d. 1714, was perhaps the son of John and Rachel Thomas, although there is a burial record for John Thomas, son of Rachel, James p., 1726.

THOMAS, Margaret (d. 1692); perhaps a widow in the middle 1650s; of James p., widow, 1692; m. Reece Thomas; 3 s. 1657-8; "moved of the Lord to testify against Priest Farmer", 16 Sept. 1655 (*Cry of blood*, 114); Dorcas Erbury living with her, 1656; sufferer, 1664, 1682-3; signatory to the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669. (*EQL*; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 19, 21, 383.)

TILLY, John, constable "John Tilly on the Weir" (*Broadmead Records*, 431); inhabitants of Peter's p., 1696, "John Tyley, Elizabeth wf." and children (B.R.S. xxv. 157); Men's Meeting authorised payment of 10s. to the way wardens or to Widow Tilly towards the charge of pitching the street from "our Lane to the Weare", 27 Nov. 1705 (B.A.O., SF/A1/4, p. 27). Not a Friend.

TIPPETT, William (d. 1691), of Thomas p., 1678; of Redcliffe p., 1691; 1 s. 1 dau., buried 1676, 1678; sufferer, 1664, 1682-3.

TOMLINSON, Francis (d. 1680), of Thomas p.

TOMLINSON, Francis (d. 1731), son of Francis Tomlinson (d. 1680); of Philip's Out p., 1731; m. Elizabeth (d. 1735). 1696 inhabitants of Thomas p., "Francis Tomlinsong & Elizabeth wf.", and daughter Ann (B.R.S. xxv. 207).

TOPLIFE (Topliffe), Robert (d. 1705), silk-weaver; of Redcliffe p.; m. (1) Joan Memory, widow (d. 1677), 29 Apr. 1675; s. Robert b. 1676; m. (2) Katharine (sufferer 1682-3; d. 1700), dau. of Edward Pearce of Compton, Glos., 17 Jan. 1679; m. (3) Mary Hicks, 31 Mar. 1701; sufferer, 1682-3; in mandamus to receive the freedom of Bristol, 1688 (B.A.O. 04264(8), f. 21); receiving relief from Friends, 1693; 1696, inhabitants of Redcliffe p. "Robert Topleaf & Katharine wf., Robert ch., John Pearce b[achelor]." (B.R.S. xxv. 112).

TOPPIN, John, schoolmaster (S.P.Q. 530).

TOVY, Simon (d. 1684), baker, of James p.; house licensed for Baptist meetings, 1672 (*Broadmead Records*, 218); Baptists gave notice to quit the house, being kept out by force, 1682 (*Broadmead Records*, 458). Alice Tovey, probably his wife, was committed to Newgate from meeting, 28 Aug. 1664, without warrant (*Relation of the inhumane ... sufferings*, 121).

TOVY, William, of Horfield; m. Elizabeth Walker, of Horfield, 19 Dec. 1669; sufferer, 1664.

TOWNE, Richard; spoken with for his mar-

riage at church, 1669; bapt., 1672 (*Broadmead Records*, 165; also pp. 442, 448, 484); inhabitants of Peter's p., 1696, Richard Towne & Edith wf., John, Mathew & Mary, children (B.R.S. xxv. 162). One Mary Towne, widow, of Peter's p., d. 1698.

TOWNLEY, John, tailor, of Bedminster; son of John and Alice Townley of Cheltenham; m. Ann, dau. of John Cox late of Bourton, Somerset, 30 Nov. 1681; 2 s. 1682-6; in mandamus to receive the freedom of Bristol, 1688 (B.A.O., 04264(8), f. 21).

TUCKEY, Thomas, of Long Ashton; widower, 1681; m. Sarah Cotterell, of Bedminster, widow, 8 Aug. 1681. Sarah Cotterell was perhaps widow of Samuel Cotterell, of Bedminster, d. 1680.

TURNER, William, of James p.; m. Mary (sufferer 1664), dau. of Moses and Mary West; sufferer, 1681-2; he was dead by 1686, although no record of burial has been found. Other Friends of the name were buried in 1692 (of James p.), and 1723 (of Philip's Out p.).

TYLOR, John or Jonathan; m. Joan Bayley (d. 1690), 5 June 1677.

TYSO, John (d. 1701), of London.

VERRICK, John, blacksmith, of Bedminster; m. Elizabeth (d. 1671).

VICKRIS, Anne (d. 1736?); dau. of Robert Vickris; m. (1) Samuel Davis, of Bristol, 5 Apr. 1679; m. (2) Nathaniel Wade (d. 1718, *D.N.B.*), 1687; sufferer, 1682; signed the Penn/Callowhill and the Penn/Jones marriage certificates, 1696, 1699. In the list of inhabitants of Bristol, 1696, Nathaniel Wade appears twice (B.R.S. xxv. 48, 100), in Augustine's p., and in Leonard's p., the latter gives two additional children, Anne (b. 1692, Corn Street) and Damaris (b. 1694, College Green).

VICKRIS, Hester (d. 1722?); m. Robert Vickris, merchant, of Bristol, sheriff 1656-7, master S.M.V. 1669-70, afterwards of Chew (d. 1684 or 1685); signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669 (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 103); at Chew meeting (fined at Bath sessions), 1683 (Bristol MSS. IV); settlement under the will of her husband, proved 1685 (B.R.S. xix. 68-71).

VICKRIS, Richard (d. 1700), merchant, son of Robert and Hester Vickris; of East Hayes [Brandon Hill], 1679; of Castle Green, 1680-84; of Chew Magna, 1685-1700; m. Elizabeth (1655-1724; sufferer 1682-3),

dau. of George and Elizabeth Bishop, 25 Mar. 1672; 4 s. 5 dau. 1673-95; sided against William Rogers; sufferer, 1680-84; 25 Aug. 1680, fined 100 marks for disturbing Emmanuel Heath at St Augustine's (B.A.O., sessions 04447(2)); sentenced to death, 23 Aug. 1684; removed to London on writ of error, 7 Oct. 1684, cleared in Nov. 1684; William Penn held a meeting under his oak at Chew, when attending the King's progress in the West, 1687; signed the Penn/Callowhill marriage certificate, 1696. (*FPT*; Fox, *Short Jnl.* 310-11, 335, 360, 374; *Jnl. F.H.S.* 19 (1922), 59-62; *S.P.Q.* 107; Whiting, *Persecution expos'd*, 89-91, 119-20.)

VIGOR, Joseph, of Manchester; accused of spreading false rumours in Devon and Cornwall about George Fox (Bristol MSS. II. 25-26). Perhaps the Joseph Vigour senior (with wife Mary, and children John, Samuel, Joseph and Mary) resident in the Castle, 1696 (B.R.S. xxv. 15).

VIGOR, Joseph (d. 1714), chapman, 1688, 1699; merchant, 1713; son of Joseph Vigor of Manchester; of James p., 1680; of Lewin's Mead, 1681; of Castle Green, 1682-99; of Philip's p., 1694; of Westbury, 1714; m. Abigail (b. 1661), dau. of Thomas North, 7 Aug. 1679; 9 s. 3 dau. 1680-99; sufferer, 1683 (B.A.O., sessions 04452(1), p. 96); free-man, 22 June 1688; on disciplinary appointments, 1693-99; inhabitants of the Castle, 1696, Joseph Vigour, wife Abigail, daughter Abigail and s. William, servants Sephrena Moggs, Elizabeth Othy (B.R.S. xxv. 10). Abigail Vigor, widow, m. Benjamin Coole, 1715.

VINES, Abraham (d. 1668).

WADHAM (Waddam), Rebecca (d. 1698), of Barton Regis, 1697; m. (1) Thomas Denham (d. 1696), shoemaker, 4 Apr. 1686; m. (2) Samuel Cloud (d. 1733), of Barton Regis, weaver, 7 Oct. 1697.

WALKER, Abigail, formerly Abigale Pearson. Inhabitants of James p., 1696, Abigail Walker, widow, children Margaret and Elizabeth; and Abigail Walker, widow, children John, Joanna and Mary (B.R.S. xxv. 71.)

WALKER, Benjamin. Letters from him to John Kelsall, 1702-6 at Friends House Library, Box Y: Kelsall diaries, vii. 29 (1735); Kelsall MSS. index to vol. 3 and vol. 2.

WALKER, Elizabeth, widow, of Bristol, 1672; later of Barbados; sufferer, 1664. One Elizabeth Walker, sufferer 1682, 1683;

perhaps she was Elizabeth, dau. of the late William Walker, who m. Obadiah Walter (d. 1708) tailor, of Castle Green, 19 Apr. 1688; she d. 1697.

WALKER, William, tailor, of London; m. Mary, dau. of Joseph Kippon, 10 Aug. 1674. Perhaps the William Waker, and wife Mary, living adjacent to John and Rachell Kippen in Philip's p., 1696 (B.R.S. xxv. 170).

WALL, James (d. 1684), stocking-seller; of Evesham; later, of Bristol; of Castle Precincts, 1684 ('James Wall Senior'); m. Mary North, widow of Thomas North, mariner, 4 Aug. 1681. Perhaps confused with his son, below.

WALL, James, hosier?; son of James Wall senior; m. Rebecca, 1669; 2 s. 4 dau. 1671-82; of Corn Street, 1680; of High Street, 1682; inhabitants of All Saints p., 1696, Rebeccah Wall widow, James, Mary & Martha children (B.R.S. xxv. 2). See entry above.

WALL, Mary, formerly North (d. 1723?), of Lewin's Mead, 1670; of Westbury, 1723; m. (1) Thomas North, mariner; 3 s. 6 dau. 1663-78; m. (2) James Wall, senior (d. 1684), 4 Aug. 1681; sufferer, 1664, 1682; active in the Women's meeting; sided with William Rogers; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669; present at the Men's meeting, 1688, 1694, 1695; Joseph Pike's children born at her house in Castle Green, 1688, 1691; 1696, inhabitant of the Castle (B.R.S. xxv. 14-15). (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 102, 104.)

WALLIS, Arthur (d. 1727), pewterer; son of William Wallis, of Oxford; of Thomas Street, 1679, 1680; of Castle Street, Peter's p., 1683-93; of Castle Precincts, 1727; m. Sarah (d. 1721), dau. of Richard Lovell, late of Mangotsfield, 17 Feb. 1679; 5 s. 4 dau. 1679-93; dispute with Thomas Whitthorne, 1691; Castle inhabitants, 1696, Arthur Wallis and wife Sarah, children Arthur William and Richard (B.R.S. xxv. 14).

WALLIS, James (d. 1708); son of Elizabeth Wallis; merchant; of Castle Green; m. Mary (d. 1719), dau. of Thomas Goldney, 20 Nov. 1678; 6 s. 2 dau. 1679-84; sufferer, 1664.

WALLIS, William (d. 1701), shoemaker; of James p.; m. Anne Amos, 30 June 1673; 1 s.; inhabitants of James p., 1696, "William Wallis & Ann wf., Ann William Samuel & Frances" children (B.R.S. xxv. 68). (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 39.)

WARREN (Warrin), Matthew (d. 1715), of Temple p.; m. Judith Daniell (sufferer 1683), 167-; dau. Mary b. 1680; sufferer, 1681, 1683; there appear to have been two Matthew Warrens, one dead by 1665 (possibly the one who was sheriff 1639-40, councillor 1636-53); Temple p. inhabitants, 1696, include Matthew Warrin, wife Mary [d. 1708] (B.R.S. xxv. 235).

WARWICK, William, printer and bookseller, London. (Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 402; *Jnl. F.H.S.* 40 (1948), 46.)

WASTFIELD, Mary; dau. of Robert (d. 1643) and Ann Yeamans; m. Daniel Wastfield, soapmaker, of Christchurch p.; 1 s. 6 dau. 1656-65; widow, 1672, 1675; mentioned in the New Inn deeds, 6 and 7 Oct. 1675 (B.A.O., 00485(6) and (7)).

WASTFIELD, Robert (d. 1677), gallypotmaker; of Brislington; meetings held at his house in Brislington, 1656 (*FPT.*, 226).

WASTFIELD, Robert, junior (d. 1690), of Brislington; m. Sarah Bennett (d. 1678) of Brislington, 9 May 1672 (Somerset, North division).

WATHEN, Jane (d. 1701?), of Leonard's p., 1670; of Peter Street, 1666; m. John Wathen (d. 1672), apothecary; sufferer, 1682; at Women's meeting, 1683; consenting (grandmother) to the Penn/Jones marriage, 1698.

WATKINS, Morgan (d. 1670), of Wigmore Grange; later, of Eyton, near Leominster; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669. (*DNB*; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* i. 448.)

WATKINS, Thomas (d. 1684), soapboiler; of Philip's p.; of Barton Regis; son of William Watkins, of Shrewsbury; m. Deborah (sufferer 1664; d. 1688), dau. of Thomas Dyer, late of Barton Regis, 6 Aug. 1664; 5 s. 1 dau. 1666-73; sufferer, 1664; on disciplinary appointments, 1669-81; sided with William Rogers.

WATT(S), George (d. 1688), of London.

WATTS, John (d. 1688), shipwright; of John's p., 1677; of Clifton, 1678-88; m. Mary (d. 1681), dau. of Barbara Blagdon, 5 Apr. 1670; 3 s. 3 dau. 1672-81; signatory of the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669; sufferer, 1682; daughter Mary removing to Pennsylvania, 1697. (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 103; 10 (1913), 41-42; 18 (1921), 115.)

WEALE (Wale), Margery, of Thomas p., d. 1681.

WEALE, Thomas, mariner; m. Dorothy Fisher, 28 Apr. 1672. Dorothy Weale, of Bristol, widow, m. Thomas Foster, of London, 11 Nov. 1674.

WEARE, John; silkweaver; of Castle Green; m. (1) Mary (d. 1678); m. (2) Hester Guest (d. 1684), 21 July 1679; dau. Hester, 1681; at Bath when Thomas Morford was there, 1656 (Morford, *Cry of oppression*, 13); disturber of ministers in churches 1657 (B.A.O., 04447(1), f. 29v); sufferer, 1664; appointed to have care of Friends' books (B.A.O., SF/A7/4); on minor disciplinary appointments, 1667-81; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669; sided against William Rogers.

WEARE, William, of Alders Key, 1679; of Augustine's p., 1680; m. Elizabeth [Watkins?]; 1 s. 1 dau. 1679-80.

WELLS, William; m. Ann; 1 s. 1 dau. 1661-64; sufferer, 1664; at that time poor, with a dependent family.

WEST, Hester, formerly Mayne; expressed contrition for marriage in church, 1669 (B.A.O., SF/A7/3). Perhaps the Hester, wife of William West, inhabitant of Philip's p., 1696 (B.R.S. xxv. 178).

WEST, William. It is unlikely that this is the William West who signed the denial that one Coppinger had spoken in Friends' meetings in London and met with their approval (Audland, *Innocent*, p. 40).

WESTBURY, Thomas (d. 1680), shoemaker; of Barton Regis; of Philip's p.; m. Eleanor Davis (d. 1715), of Bristol, 25 Nov. 1675. Eleanor Westbury, widow, m. Tobias Dole, cordwainer, of Barton Regis, 11 Mar. 1683.

WHITE, George (d. 1715), carpenter; of Philip's p., 1683, 1694; m. (1) Mary Masters, widow (d. 1683), 12 May 1672; m. (2) Margaret Wheeler, widow (d. 1694), 6 Apr. 1685 [Perhaps it was her son James (d. 1683) who was sent to Bridewell, 14 Aug. 1682, Besse, *Sufferings* i. 66]; m. (3) Mary (West) Hollister, of Brislington, 24 May 1703; sufferer, 1664, 1682-3; in the royal mandamus for the freedom of the city, 1688 (B.A.O., 04264(8), f. 21); perhaps Castle inhabitant, 1696, "George White wdr." (B.R.S. xxv. 16.)

WHITE, Jabez (d. 1700), weaver, silkweaver; son of Francis White, of Teffont Evias, Wilts; of James p., 1688; of Broadmead, 1689; of Philip's p., 1693-1700; m. Mary (sufferer 1682; d. 1700), dau. of Thomas Merrick, of Westow, Herefs., 4 Oct. 1686; 6 s. 1 dau. 1688-1700; sufferer 1682-3; on

minor disciplinary appointments, 1697-8; letter to the Men's meeting, 1697 (B.A.O., SF/A7/4, p. 105).

WHITEHEAD, George (c. 1636-1723), of Orton, Westmorland, later, of London; m. Ann (Downer) Greenwell (1624-1686); George and Ann both signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669; George Whitehead was active in countering the divisive influences in the Wilkinson-Story separation, and in presenting Friends' grievances to the government during periods of suffering. (Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* i. 421, 441 & *Short Jnl.* 337; *DNB*; *EQL*.)

WHITHORNE (Whitehorn, Whitturn), Thomas (d. 1717), pewterer, of Castle Precincts, 1717; m. (1) Joan (d. 1677) [dau. Ann, b. 1671, m. George Alexander wheelwright, 4 May 1710]; m. (2) Sarah Frankum [dau. Martha, m. Barnaby Attwood, tallow chandler, of Barton Regis, 6 Nov. 1701]; sufferer, 1664, 1670, 1682; dispute with Arthur Wallis, 1691; Mint Office enquiring what engine one *Whittwood*, pewterer, uses, 30 Nov. 1686 (B.A.O., 04447(3)); 1696, Castle inhabitants, "Thomas Whitturn & Sarah wf., Ann & Martha ch." (B.R.S. xxv. 20.)

WICKHAM, John. At Bath, when Thomas Morford was there, 1656 (Morford, *Cry of oppression*, 13, 15).

WIDDER (Withers), Robert (c. 1618-1686), of Over Kellett, near Lancaster; signatory to Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669; in Bristol again, 1675. (*EQL*; Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* i. 395-6; ii. 446.)

WILCOX, Isaac, son of Thomas Wilcox of Knowle; m. Hannah Wallis, 1684; John Southworth complained of non-payment of a debt of 34s., 1697 (B.A.O., SF/A1/3, p. 139).

WILCOX, Thomas. Indictment for illegal assembly, Jan. 1682 (B.A.O., 00452(1), p. 57); perhaps the Thomas Wilcox, of Brington, buried 30 June 1696, or the Thomas, of Bedminster p., bur. 20 Jan. 1732. One Thomas Willcox inhabitant of Christchurch p., 1696 (B.R.S. xxv. 29).

WILKINSON, Sarah; sufferer 1664. Almost certainly the same as Sarah Huxon, wife of Thomas Huxon (Huson). Letter of contrition, 12 Oct. 1669 (B.A.O., SF/A7/3, p. 9).

WILLIAMS, Edmond (d. 1714), shoemaker.

WILLIAMS, William. The account of the dis-

posal of the £10 given for relief is in Friends House Library, Dix. G.8.B.

WILLIS, Dorcas; dau. of Thomas Willis, of Beckford, Glos., yeoman, deceased, 1683.

WILLIS, Thomas; of Redcliffe p.; two Friends of this name suffered, 1682; (1) senior, 1683; (2) tailor, d. 1714; wife Mary Willis, d. 1682. There is record of a resident in Redcliffe Pit, Redcliffe p., 1696, a servant, Thomas Willis (B.R.S. xxv. 110).

WILSON, Thomas (d. 1710), glover, of Barton Regis, 1674; of Castle Precincts, 1707-10; m. Elizabeth Williams of Barton Regis (d. 1707), 17 Aug. 1674; 2 dau. 1675 onwards. A Cumberland Friend of the same name, who settled near Edenderry, Ireland (d. 1725), visited Bristol, c. 1685-97, and delivered a prophetic message to Bristol Friends, 1694; see T. Wight, *History of ... Quakers in Ireland* (revised by J. Ruddy), Dublin, 1751, pp. 301-8 for an account of him; O. C. Goodbody, *Guide to Irish Quaker records*, 1967, no. 108, 117, 138. Elizabeth Wilson dreamed of a Bristol earthquake, 1696 (Bury, *Collection*, 1712, pp. 8-9; *Jnl. F.H.S.* 44 (1952), 19); her paper of contrition for allowing her dau. to marry an apprentice was rejected by the Men's meeting, 1699 (B.A.O., SF/A1/3, p. 176).

WILTON, William, of Elberton, Glos. (dead by 1681); addressed by John Audland (B.A.O., SF/C1/1(a), 77-79).

WINDOW, Thomas (d. 1710), of Philip's p.; m. Elizabeth; 1 s. 2 dau. 1656 onwards; sufferer, 1664, 1682; received 30s. out of the poor sufferers distribution 21 Aug. 1682 (Friends House Library, Dix. G.8.B). Inhabitant of Philip's p., 1696, "Thomas Widow" (B.R.S. xxv. 180).

WINFIELD, Thomas. Sufferer, 1664.

WITHERS, John (d. 1666), soapboiler, soap-maker; son of Philip Wither; m. Deborah, dau. of Edward Pyott, of Barton Regis, 13 May 1666; dau. named Hannah (or Mary), b. 18 Apr. 1667; sufferer, 1663-4; imprisoned for opening shop when not a freeman (c. 1655-57).

Deborah Withers signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate (*Jnl. F.H.S.* 9 (1912), 105); she m. George Hawes, 15 Nov. 1676.

WOOD, John, carpenter; of Philip's p., 1687; m. Hannah Taylor (d. 1687); sufferer, 1683-6; to provide benches for the meeting houses, 1686; on minor disciplinary appointments, 1686-90; in royal mandamus to receive the freedom of Bristol, 1688 (B.A.O., 04264(8),

f. 21). (Friends House Library, Dix. I.5.B & Gibson MSS, i. 157.)

WOOD, Richard, cooper; of Temple p.; son of Richard Wood; m. Ruth Brock (*or* Brook), 1 Jan. 1669; 3 s. 2 dau. 1670-80; sufferer, 1681, 1683.

WOODWARD, John (d. 1692), of James p.; m. Blanch (d. 1690); sufferer, 1682; caretaker of Friars meeting house, 1681, 1686-91.

WOTTON, Andrew, husbandman, of Eckbuckland p., near Plymouth, 1681; of James p., 1682; m. Mary (b. 1663; sufferer 1682), dau. of Joseph and Jane Fletcher, of Barton Regis, 1 Dec. 1681; 2 ch. buried 1682.

YATES (Yate, Yeat), Richard (d. 1689?); brother of Thomas; of Michael's p., 1685-9; m. Ann (d. 1685); sufferer, 1682.

YATES (Yate), Thomas, merchant; brother of Richard; d. by 1681; m. Mary (of Baptist Mills, 1682, 1685; of Michael's p., 1685-1711; d. 1711); dau. Joan m. Benjamin Coole, 26 Dec. 1689; dau. Judith m. William Rouch, 21 *or* 22 Mar. 1681; 3 other children buried 1682-85. B.A.O. 09458(5) has record of one Thomas Yate and his wife Mary, 1656. 1696 inhabitants of Maryport p., include: Thomas Yate and wife Mary, Henry son (B.R.S. xxv. 102).

YEAMANS, Isabel, *formerly* Fell (1637?-1704); m. (1) William Yeamans (1639-1674), 1664; 2 s. 2 dau.; m. (2) Abraham Morrice (d. 1704), 1689; sufferer 1664; signatory of the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669; active in the Women's meeting c. 1670. (Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 492 & *Short Jnl.* 346; *Jnl.*

F.H.S. 12 (1915), 53-58; 24 (1927), 56; 30 (1933), 87; I. Ross, *Margaret Fell*, 1949.)

YEAMANS, Sir Robert *bart* (1617-1687); son of John Yeamans, brewer (d. 1645); mayor 1669-70. Not a Friend.

YEAMANS, William (1639-1674), merchant; son of Robert (d. 1643) and Ann Yeamans; of All Saints p., and Jubbs Court, Failand; m. Isabel Fell (1637?-1704), 1664; 2 s. 2 dau.; freeman, 1660; sufferer 1664, 1670; signed the Fox/Fell marriage certificate, 1669; visited by George Fox and William Penn. Documents concerning the New Inn, All Saints p., sometime held by him are in B.A.O. His will, see B.R.S. xix. 63. (Fox, *Camb. Jnl.* ii. 410 & *Short Jnl.* 346.)

YOUNG, Peter (d. 1713), soapmaker; on the Bridge, 1674, 1686, 1690; of Thomas p., 1679, 1681; of Redcliffe Street, 1684; of Nicholas p., 1690; of Lower Easton, 1705; m. (1) Mary Eckly (d. 1679), 1675; 2 dau. 1676-9 [dau. Sarah, m. Thomas Lloyd of London, 1698]; m. (2) Ann (d. 1690) dau. of Charles Jones, 25 Dec. 1682; 1 s. 1 dau.; m. (3) Mary (Warrell) Whitehead (dau. of Robert Warrell, late of Middlewich, and widow of Thomas Whitehead of Bruton, clothier (d. 1691); d. 1722, of James p.), 5 Sept. 1693; opened shop without taking up his freedom; sufferer, 1674, 1681-4; sided against William Rogers; on disciplinary appointments from 1686; inhabitants of Christchurch p., 1696, "Peter Young, wife Mary, child Ann Young, Mary & Jane Whitehead, Benjamin Sherman, Jasper Lawrance, Mary Sturge & Mary Jenkins (B.R.S. xxv. 23).

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 ropemaker: Stephen Leverett
 saltmaker: Thomas Hopkins
 schoolmaster: Robert Godfrey, Thomas Heathcott, Lawrence Steel, Thomas Taylor, John Toppin
 schoolmistress: Barbara Blagdon
 scribe: John Gregory
 scrivener: Ellis Hookes
 sergemaker: William Cook, William Ford, John Pope
 sergeweaver: William Cook, William Ford
 servant: Jane Bayly, Mary Corbett, Constance Cox, Daniel Edwards, Anne England, Dorothy Fisher, William Giles, Joan Jones, Marie Larkum, Margaret Lewis, Willmott March, Ann Mayes, Joan Morris, Katharine Phillips, Betty Pope, Dorothy Ring, John Sifford, Priscilla Welsh, Deborah Wickham, Hannah Wildmayd
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 ship-carpenter: Matthew Mullens

shipwright: Christopher Birkhead, Jonathan New, John Watts
 shoemaker: Thomas Arnold, Joseph Bennet, John Bennett, William Cole, Thomas Denham, Tobias Dole, Daniel Edwards, William Fry, Nicholas Gannecliff, James Gibbons, Philip Hollister, Joseph Kippon, Lazarus Moggs, John Noble, John Nutt, Clement Oliver, Richard Phillips, Henry Pritchard, Thomas Saunders, Walton Short, Charles Smith, Samuel Taylor, Edward Tippet, William Wallis, Thomas Westbury, Edmond Williams
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 soapmaker: Miles Dixon, Charles Harford (1631-1709), Thomas Harford, Charles Jones, Michael Jones, Cornelius Sarjeant, Arthur Sawyer, Daniel Westfield, John Withers, Peter Young
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 surgeon: John Arney, William Britton, Thomas Harris (d. 1712)
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